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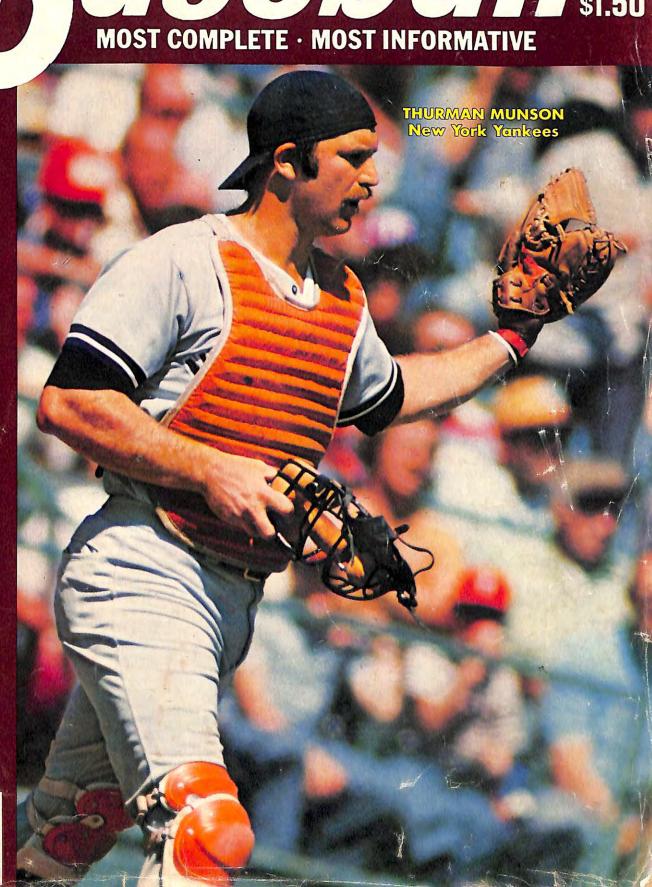
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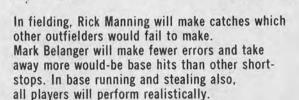
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By Bob Addie

Columnist and vet Washington Post Sports scribe Bob Addie puts together the facts concerning the men responsible for era of speed.

SPEED HAS TAKEN OVER

Who needs gasoline when humans keep getting faster and faster, and keep stealing more and more bases in baseball? There were 3054 stolen bases in the majors last year, only 38 fewer than the mark of 3092 set in 1911.

This department told you last year in our annual roundup on base-stealing that the year of 1976 would see untold vistas. The statistics are the proof.

It was Johnny Bench, the Cincinnati Reds' articulate catcher, who sounded the warning for his brotherhood after the 1975 World Series. "Like the man said," Bench remarked, "you ain't seen nothin' yet. Every National League park has synthetic turf and it's getting to be a regular race track for the base stealers."

As has been pointed out frequently, the catcher isn't always at fault when a base is stolen. It could be the failure of the pitcher to hold a man on base. It could be a pitcher who specializes in breaking stuff. It's harder to steal on a fast ball pitcher for the obvious reason he gets the ball to the catcher so quickly.

Few fast ball pitchers, according to the new mania for keeping accleration statistics, throw the ball under 90 miles an hour.

There is an interesting corollary here. When a dangerous man is on base, the pitcher has a problem.

Let's assume Joe Morgan, of the Reds, is on first. Everybody knows that when Joe is aboard first, he's going to make it two. After all, he stole 60 bases last season and was caught only nine times for a successful average of .869. Davy Lopes, of the Dodgers, who led the NL with 63 thefts, was caught only 10 times.

It's interesting to note at this point that Lou Brock, of St. Louis, longtime kingpin of the base stealers who set the modern record of 118 in 1974, stole 56 bases last season but was caught 19 times for an average of .786. That's an extremely high percentage of "catches" for Brock who, like Morgan, Lopes and the great base stealers of the game, always moved scientifically. It is as if these burners of the base paths are computerized and it is the more astonishing when one is caught. It would be like the legendary thief of fiction, Raffles, being caught with his hand in the cookie jar.

Getting back to Bench, he had a personal record spoiled in the 1976 World Series when the Yankees' fleet Mickey Rivers, finally stole a base on the Cincinnati catcher, At least, Bench failed to throw him out. Bench did nail Rivers in the first game so it came off as one stolen base and one caught stealing (for the entire series) against Bench.

Bench has caught every inning of the Reds' 42 post season games including 19 playoff games and 23 in the World Series. In that span, opponents have stolen only two bases—Matty Alou in game 2 of the 1970 World Series, and Rivers in the fourth game of the 1976 series. Bench threw out 12 other attempted steals.

The Reds kept up their reputation as a running club in the series stealing seven out of 11. Curiously, the Yankees were supposed to have been molded into a running club. They did steal 163 bases during the regular 1976 season but their runners also were thrown out 65 times. That makes a successful average of .715.

Cincinnati led the NL in stolen bases with 210 out

BILL NORTH of A's is master at getting big jump which



of 267 tries for a performance average of .786. It was obvious as to which was the better running club in the World Series and certainly was one of the big reasons the Reds were able to sweep the Yankees in four straight.

Perhaps the biggest surprise last season was the 341 bases stolen by the Oakland A's who almost brought down a time-honored record held by the 1911 New York Giants who stole 347 bases in the era of the dead ball. The A's, remember, did it in 1976 when, compared with the old ball, the modern baseball jumps like a golf ball.

Led by Oakland, the American League stole 1690 bases in 1976, the most by either league in 62 years.

The AL record is 1810 steals set in 1912.

Four other clubs improved their all time record for stolen bases in 1976. The Kansas City Royals went from 155 steals in 1975 to 218. The Houston Astros improved from 133 in 1975 to 150; the Minnesota Twins from 115 in 1969 to 146 and the San Diego Padres from 88 in 1973 to 92. Wonder if the Seattle Mariners will improve over the old Seattle Pilots' 167 in 1969?

The AL, as noted, had 1690 steals in 1976 to 1348 in 1975, an increase of some 20 per cent. Similarly, the NL went from 1176 thefts in 1975 to 1364 in 1976, a rise of 13 per cent.

The base stealing statistics do lend emphasis to the general trend of most ball clubs to go for the extra base, the stolen base with people who can run.

This could be the harbinger of the day of the

helped him steal 75 bases, best in majors last year.



runner. What happened to those ball clubs that went for raw power? What happened to those managers who would nail one of their guys at first base if the big home run man was coming to bat?

One of the more interesting spinoffs of the league figures for 1976 was that the NL had a total of 1113

home runs in 1976, 120 fewer than in 1975.

The AL hit 1465 home runs in 1975, 1122 in 1976. Does that begin to tell you something? Five clubs in each league hit 100 or more home runs. But there are some intriguing statistics concerning some of the current crop of home run hitters.

For instance, Mike Schmidt, the Phillies' major league home run king with 38, stole 14 bases last season. Graig Nettles, the Yankees, who led the AL

with 32 homers, stole 11 bases.

The man who hits for the average these days is no leadfoot on the bases, either. George Brett of Kansas City, led the AL with a .333 average but he also stole 21 bases. Bill Madlock, of the Cubs, the major league batting leader with .339, stole 15 bases.

Ken Griffey, of the Reds, batted .336 and stole 34 bases. The incomparable Joe Morgan, his teammate, batted .320, hit 27 home runs, drove in 111 runs and still managed to steal 60 bases. No wonder he won the MVP Award for the second straight year.

We have mentioned Lou Brock before. If you got the implication that Brock is finished, despite the fact he was 37 years old in June, don't bet on it. Brock didn't have a bad year for an old man with a

batting mark of .301 and 56 stolen bases.

Brock is closing in on another of baseball's allegedly inviolate records. He has a career total of 864 stolen bases and needs only 28 more to tie Ty Cobb's record of 892. And don't you remember, like Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs, somebody said that Cobb's record never would be surpassed, no less equaled. Maybe these young guys today don't read the record books.

Brock truly has been remarkable. He holds the major league record for most times leading majors in stolen bases with six. He also has stolen 50 or more bases in one season for 12 consecutive years, 1965 through 1976.

Everybody is getting into the act now, including the catchers, traditionally supposed to run with snowshoes. Your modern catcher is much more mobile than his counterpart who squatted so long back of the plate that it took a derrick to hoist him off the bag when he did get on base.

But times have changed. Thurman Munson, the gifted Yankee catcher, and the 1976 American League MVP, stole 14 bases in 1976. His World Series opposite, Bench, stole 13. Carlton Fisk, of the Red Sox, Stole 12.

There were, of course, some catchers who were very agile on the bases in their time.

There was once a catcher named Roger Bresnahan who stole 34 bases for the New York Giants in 1903 and 25 in 1906. In fact, Bresnahan, generally credited with being the first catcher to squat behind the batter instead of fielding the ball on one hop, was in double figures for stealing bases 12 times in his career and wound up with an astounding total of 212 stolen bases for his career.



ROGER BRESNAHAN, a catcher but no slew-foot, stole an astonishing total of 212 bases during his 17-year career.

Ray Schalk, who was a slim 165-pounder as compared with Bresnahan's 200 pounds, caught for the White Sox for 17 years. He holds the record for most stolen bases by an AL catcher, 30 in 1916. He, too, was a threat on base because he accounted for 176 thefts in his career—a statistic that probably helped him get into the Hall of Fame despite a .253 lifetime batting mark.

Another Hall of Fame catcher named Yogi Berra stole only 30 bases during his distinguished, 19-year

Incidentally, since 1919, only three catchers in the majors have had more than 13 stolen bases in one season: Frank Pytlak, Cleveland, 16 in 1937; Fran Healy, Kansas City, 16 in 1974; Munson, Yankees, 14 in 1976 and Bench tied it with 13 in 1976.

Charlie Finley, owner of the Oakland A's, can sing an old song with feeling: "They're breaking up that old gang of mine." Three members of Finley's old gang, Bill North, Bert Campaneris and Don Baylor set a new major league base-stealing record in 1976.

Oakland became the first club ever to have three men steal 50 or more bases—North with 75; Campaneris with 54, and Baylor with 52. Campaneris went to the Texas Rangers and Baylor to the California Angels in that re-entry draft.

Thus, it appears that North will have to bear the base-stealing burden by himself this year. Chuck Tanner, the Oakland manager last year (he's moved, too—to the Pittsburgh Pirates) had his club running. North, for example, was caught stealing 29 times. That means he made 104 steals last season—an ex-

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traordinary number except when measured against Maury Wills who did steal 104 times in 1962.

The A's, as noted, stole 341 bases and were caught 123 times. That's a successful average of .734 and probably accounts for the fact the dissensiontorn A's stayed close to Kansas City most of the way and finished only 2½ games behind the Royals in the AL West.

The Cincinnati Reds, it has been written, turned their club around in 1972 with the acquisition of Joe Morgan from the Houston Astros.

Before 1972, the Reds were a power club with little speed. It's true they did win a pennant in 1970 but they were wiped out by the Baltimore Orioles in the World Series.

"Morgan turned our club around with his basestealing ability," says Cincinnati manager Sparky Anderson. "Joe gave us a new dimension with his speed."

The incomparable Morgan stole 60 bases in 1976 but he was not alone on the Cincinnati team in getting that extra base that puts a man in scoring position and wins those important games. Griffy stole 34 bases for the Reds and Dave Concepcion chipped in with 21. George Foster, MVP runnerup who had a great year with a .306 batting average, 29 homers and 121 runs batted in, managed to steal 17 bases.

Remember Danny Driessen who became Cincinnati's first ever designated hitter in the 1976 World Series?

Driessen, the reluctant DH, hit .357 in the series. He batted only .247 during the regular season last year but he did manage to steal 14 bases and was



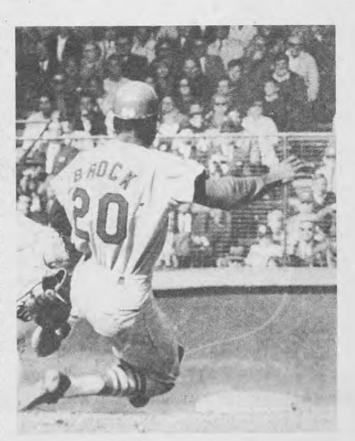
JOE MORGAN, walking off field with Johnny Bench, used speed and savvy to swipe 60 bases, majors' 3rd best.



LOU BROCK should top all-time stolen base record during the '77 season.

ACTIVE PLAYERS (100-or-more SB Lifetime)

	Yrs.	
BROCK, Lou, Cardinals	16	865
CAMPANERIS Bert Rangers	13	566
MORGAN, Joe, Reds	14	505
HARPER, Tommy	15	408
DAVIS, Willie, Padres	17	397
BONDS, Bobby, Angels	9	323
CARDENAL loss Cubs		320
CARDENAL, Jose, Cubs CEDENO, Cesar, Astros	7	313
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PATEK, Fred, Royals	23	240
LOPES, Dave, Dodgers	5	239
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ALOMAR, Sandy, Yankees	13	221
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CAREW, Rod, Twins	10	219
NORTH, Bill, Athletics	0	
OTIS, Amos, Royals ROBINSON, Frank, Indians	2	210
ROBINSON, Frank, Indians	21	204
WHITE, Roy, Yankees	12	203
KELLY, Pat, White Sox	10	193
TOLAN Robby Phillips	17	192
NELSON, Dave, Royals	10	186
NELSON, Dave, Royals JACKSON, Reggie, Yankees	10	171
BOWA, Larry, Phillies	/	172
BAYLOR, Don, Angeles	7	170
RIVERS, Mickey, Yankees	6	169
BLAIR, Paul, Orioles	13	167
GARR, Ralph, White Sox	9	151
BLAIR, Paul, Orioles GARR, Ralph, White Sox CONCEPCION, Dave, Reds	7	149
DAVIS, Tommy, Angels	18	136
BELANGER, Mark, Orioles	12	132
ALLEN, Dick	14	132
HERNANDEZ, Enzo, Padres	6	129
MADDOX, Gary, Phillies	5	112
POSE Pete Reds		106
ROSE, Pete, Reds	12	101
SMITH, Reggie, Dodgers	11	100
Smith, Reggie, Dougers		100



caught only once. Driessen has been waiting for his turn and will get it now that Tony Perez has been traded to Montreal.

Anderson knows that Driessen will be a valuable man. Perez did steal 10 bases for his contribution to the Reds' Speed Club last year but he also was caught five times.

By the way, Cesar Geronimo was one of the players who came along with Morgan in that 1971 deal with Houston. The Reds' gave up Lee May, Tommy Helms and Jim Stewart to get Morgan, Geronimo, Jack Billingham, Ken Armbrister and Dennis Menke.

Geronimo stole 22 bases for the Reds last year. He, too, is an all-around man. He is considered one of the best centerfielders in baseball and along with that he batted .307. His 22 stolen bases fit in with Cincinnati's present addiction to its new dimension—speed.

Since 1971, the base-stealing total has increased dramatically each year. There were 1773 bases stolen in both leagues in 1971. This escalated to 1807 in 1972; 2033 in 1973; 2488 in 1974; 2524 in 1975, and 3054 last year.

From 1920, the year that marked the introduction of the jackrabbit ball, to 1972 the majors never reached the 2000 mark in stolen bases for one season. Only 30 times during the last 57 years, including 1976, has either league ever reached the 1000 figure.

But it is significant that the new "dimension" frequently voiced by Sparky Anderson has come to many other clubs. One can only think, maybe it's the new turf.

If that's so, how does one account for the fact the AL registered 1690 stolen bases in 1976 and the NL 1364? The whole premise, remember, was that most parks had gone to artificial turf and that made for a faster track.

Every park in the NL has artificial turf but only one, Kansas City, has the stuff in the AL. So there goes another cute theory—or does it?

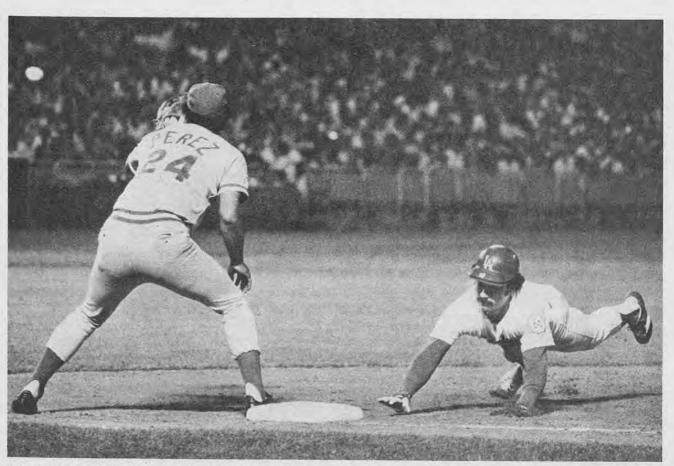
The AL runners were caught 867 times out of their 2556 attempts for a success ratio of .661. The NL wasn't quite that prolific, attempting 2041 steals and accounting for 1364 successes for a .668 percentage.

There are 13 major league clubs that have accounted for their best base-stealing record for one year before 1917—the heyday of the stolen base and the dead ball.

But, let us consider that of the other 11 clubs, the "oldest" one-year record goes back only to 1970. As mentioned, there were five clubs that set new marks for base-stealing in 1976.

That should tell us something. The late Branch Rickey used to say that all he wanted in a player was the ability to run and throw. Rickey believed that hitting could be taught. Apparently, he never talked to Ted Williams who always believed that hitters could be taught, all right, provided they could hit in the first place.

Look for more and more speed, more and more stolen bases this season. It's the new name of the new game.



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HANK AARON established a host of records during his career which started in 1954 as a 20-year-old rookie, capped by breaking Babe Ruth's home run mark twenty years later.

Born: February 5, 1934, at Mobile, Alabama; now resides in Atlanta, Ga. Ht.: 6'0"; Wt.: 189 lbs. Brown eyes, brown hair. Bats and throws right. Married: Billye Suber Williams. Children: Gail. Henry. Jr., Lary. Dorinda, Ceci.

ried: Billye Suber Williams. Children: Gail, Henry, Jr., Lary, Dorinda, Ceci. Career: Hank became a Milwaukee Braves regular in 1954 when Bobby Thomson factured an ankle during spring training . . hit .280 his rookie season . . hit three home runs in one game June 21, 1959 . . . named National League Most Valuable player in 1957 . . . Golden Glove outfielder 1958-59-60 . . led N.L. in slugging percentage 1959-63-67-71, including .669 in .71 . . has hit three home runs in Championship Series play . . hit three World Series home runs . . hit two All-Star game home runs . . hit home run off Cardinal pitcher Billy Muffet that sent Milwaukee Braves into 1957 World Series . . . on June 8, 1961 Eddie Mathews, Aaron, Joe Adcock and Frank Thomas set major league record for most consecutive home runs for teams in one inning vs. Reds . . received Lou Gehrig award in 1970 for Major Leaguer that best exemplifies the character and courage of Gehrig . . . set major league lifetime records in 1976 (extended own record)—Most plate appearances, 13,940; Most games, 3298; Most at-bats, 12,364; Most long hits, 1477; Most total bases, 6856; Most home runs, 755; Most runs batted in, 2297; Most sacrifice flys, 121 and Most intentional bases on balls, 293.

1974 Season: Hank wasted little time in tying Babe Ruth's home run mark, as he belted number 714 on opening day, April 4 off Cincinnati's Jack Billingham . . . he broke Ruth's record off of exBrewer Al Downing in Atlanta on April 8 . . . both Aaron and Downing wore number 44 at the time.

S'long HANK



Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	28	38	HR	RBI	SB	BB	50	Ave.
1952	Eau Claire	87	345	79	116	19	4	9	61	25	33	19	.336
1953	Jacksonville	137	574	*115	*208	*36	14	22	*125	13			*.362
1954	Milwaukee		468	58	131	27	6	13	69	2		39	.280
1955	Milwaukee		602	105	189	*37	9	27	106	2	49	61	.314
1956	Milwaukee	153	609	106	*200	*34	14	26		2	37	54	.328
1957	Milwaukee	12 22	615	*118	198	27	6	*44	*132	1	57	59	.322
1958	Milwaukee		601	109	196	34	4	30	95	4	59	49	.326
1959	Milwaukee		629	116	*223	46	7	39	123	8	51	54	.355
1960	Milwaukee		590	102	172	20	11	40	*126	16	60	63	.292
1961	Milwaukee	2000	603	115	197	*39	10	34	120	21	56	64	.327
1962	Milwaukee		592	127	191	28	6	45	128	15	66	73	.323
1963	Milwaukee	161	631	*121	201	29	4	*44	*130	31	78	94	.319
1964	Milwaukee	145	570	103	187	30	2	24	95	22	62	46	.328
1965	Milwaukee	150	570	109	181	*40	1	32	89	24	60	81	.318
1966	Atlanta	158	603	117	168	23	1	*44	*127	21	76	96	.279
1967	Atlanta	155	600	*113	184	37	3	*39	109	17	63	97	.307
1968	Atlanta	160	606	84	174	33	4	29	86	28	64	62	.287
1969	Atlanta	147	547	100	164	30	3	44	97	9	87	47	.300
1970	Atlanta	150	516	103	154	26	1	38	118	9	74	63	.298
1971	Atlanta	139	495	95	162	22	3	47	118	í	71	58	.327
1972	Atlanta	129	449	75	119	10	0	34	77	4	92	55	.265
1973	Atlanta	120	392	84	118	12	1	40	96	1	68	51	.301
1974	Atlanta	112	340	47	91	16	0	20	69	1	38	29	.268
1975	Milwaukee	137	465	45	109	16	2	12	60	0	70	51	.234
1976	Milwaukee	85	271	22	62	8	Ô	10	35	ŏ	35	38	.229
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Miscellaneous: Started playing semipro ball with Mobile Bears during junior year in high school . . . later joined Indianapolis Clowns of American Negro League for \$200 per month . . . signed by scout Ed Scott . . . led league in hitting with .467 average . . . Braves scout Dewey Griggs scouted Aaron at Indianapolis and signed to Braves contract for \$350 per month . . . started playing for Eau Claire, Wis. of Northern League . . . named to Northern League All-Star team two weeks after joining club and named league's Outstanding Rookie . . . played at Jacksonville of Sally League in 1953 leading league in runs scored . . hits . . . doubles . . . runs batted in and batting average . . . played shortstop for Eau Claire, second base for Jacksonville.

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"Big Bird" FIDRYCH

B aseball can't quite decide whether it has ever seen anyone like Mark Fid-

rych.
The gangling, wide-eyed, curly-haired young Tiger pitcher burst forth in the 1976 season to capture the fancy of the fans from coast to coast-partly because of his enthusiastic mannerisms on the mound and partly because of his success against enemy batters.

In less than three professional seasons, the 6-3, 175-pound righthander has proved he is quite a hurler.

Manager Ralph Houk admits, "In all my years in baseball, I've never seen anything like it. I don't think even the great Walter Johnson started this fast. Nicknamed "The Bird" when a minor

league coach saw a resemblance to the Sesame Street television character, Fidrych is a "free spirit" in action: talking to the baseball between pitches, smoothing out the mound on his hands and knees, sprinting on and off the field,

knees, sprinting on and off the neid, congratulating every teammate within reach after a pitching victory.

What does Mark say to the ball? A lot of it is salty language but it goes something like this: "We got to curve, get down and stay down." When he needs a strike, its "get going now, get over that outside corner."

over that outside corner.

Mark claims he really isn't talking to the ball, He's talking to himself to help his concentration. It keeps his mind together. "And that's not easy," Mark explains, "when you lose track of your mind, good-by ball."

Bruce Kimm, rookie catcher behind the plate in all of Fidrych's starts said, At first, some opposing players didn't like it when he was out there talking. It really bothered Rico Carty of the Indians. But he pitches fast to them, so they know he's not playing games.

At the end of 1976, he had won 19 games for the Tigers, more than any Detroit rookie in 68 seasons. His earned run average of 2.34 was the lowest in both major leagues for starting pitchers. His 24 complete games (out of 29 starts) and his 1,000 fielding average were top performances for AL hurlers.

Post season honors started early when

Fidrych was voted Tiger of the Year by the Detroit Baseball Writers Association, then garnered 22 of the 24 votes for the American League rookie of the year award, for the Tigers first such selection since Harvey Kuenn in 1953. And he was runnerup for the AL Cy Young award.

Success came with a rush for the 22year-old Fidrych, who was born in Worcester, Mass., and whose family home is in nearby Northboro. Signed as a high school graduate by the Tigers in June, 1974, Fidrych hurried through the Appalachian League at Bristol that summer; worked his way through the Florida State League (Lakeland), Southern League (Montgomery) and American Association (Evansville) in 1975; and officially became a full-fledged Tiger five days before the season opened in 1976.

His first starting assignment was delayed until May 15, while Manager Houk let the energetic youngster get his feet on the ground—and it was a joyride to glory the rest of the season.

In his first start, Fidrych pitched a complete game against the Cleveland

complete game against the Cleveland Indians, held them to two hits (none the first six innings) and won, 2-1.

By the time of the All-Star Game, he

had a 9-2 record, 10 complete games in 11 starts, and an earned run average of 1.78. In both of his losses, the Tigers were shut out. With credentials like that, it was no surprise that Manager Darrell Johnson named the young Tiger as the AL's All-Star starter at Philadelphia, where a highlight of his visit was a chance to swap quips with President Gerald Ford.

MARK FIDRYCH, Detroit rookie sensation, gives autographs while sitting in his "Bird Cage" before a Detroit game.



His enthusiastic performances created a "Bird mania" in Detroit as the 1976 season progressed. Exposure on national television, touched off by a 5-1 victory over the New York Yankees June 28, made Fidrych a national folk hero, as

Attendance marks rose as his pitching success mounted. Crowds of more than 51,000 turned out in Detroit with box and reserved seats sold out long in advance.

At the end of the season, his 18 starting performances at Tiger Stadium had drawn an average of 33,649 fans. In his 29 starts, at home and on the road, he pitched before 901,239 fans for an amazing average of 31,077.

On the mound, Fidrych's figures also were startling. He mounted an eightgame winning streak. May 31 to July 3.

game winning streak. May 31 to July 3,

and had only one losing streak as long as three games, Aug. 29 to Sept. 7.

His earned run average dipped as low as 1.60 in mid-July and still was below 2.00 a month later.

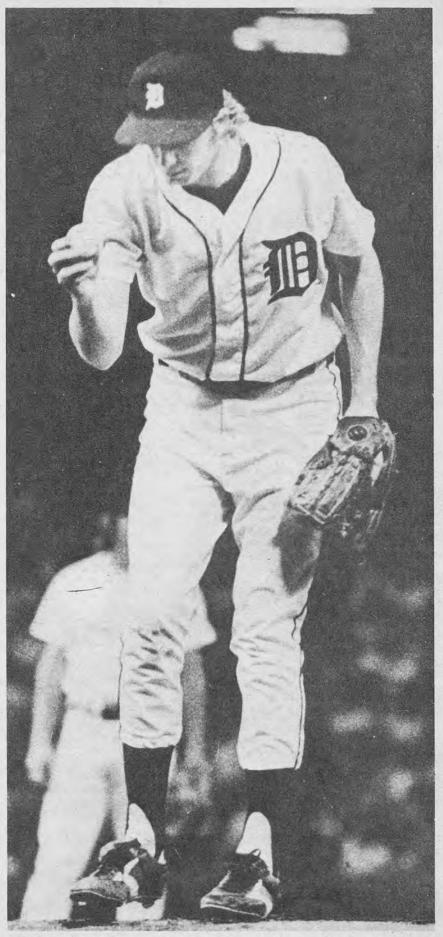
He defeated every team in the American League at least once, five of them twice, and was at his best against the Indians, winning four times without a

Starting the season on a minimum salary contract calling for \$16,500, Fidrych reached \$19,000 and it is believed raised to \$30,000 when a new player contract went into effect. He also drew a \$7,500 "progressive" bonus for his rapid advancement through the minors.

As the season ended, however, Tiger Owner John E. Fetzer rewarded the young hurler with a lump sum bonus and Jim Campbell, executive vice-president and general manager, signed him to a three-year contract for 1977-78-79.



THE BIRD, who won 19 games in 1976, earned himself a fat contract.



TALKING to the ball is one of Fidrych's traits, sounds crazy, but it seems to work.

MVP'S

NATIONAL LEAGUE VOTES

(Points-14 for 1st, nine for 2nd, eight for 3rd, etc.)

manager and a second	1 19 5	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts.
MORGAN, Joe, Reds	19	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	311
FOSTER, George, Reds	5	9	6	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	221
SCHMIDT, Mike, Phillies		5	10	3	3	3	-	+	=	-	179
ROSE, Pete, Reds	-	5	2	4	1	2	6	-	-	2	131
MADDOX, Gary, Phillies	. +	-	4	4	3	3	-	-	2	1	98
MADLOCK, Bill, Cubs		-	-	3	-	3	-	1	5	2	51
GARVEY, Steve, Dodgers	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	51
LUZINSKI, Greg, Phillies	-	-	1	_	3	2	2	1	1	_	49
GRIFFEY, Ken, Reds	_	-	-	-	5	2	1	1	-	2	49
JONES, Randy, Padres	_	-	_	3	-	4	-	2	-	1	48
WATSON, Bob, Astros	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	1	3	38
OLIVER, Al, Pirates	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	4	1	30
EASTWICK, Rawley, Reds	_	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	26
KOOSMAN, Jerry, Mets		-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	3	20
CARLTON, Steve, Phillies		-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	16
CASH, Dave, Phillies		-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1		15
RICHARD, J.R., Astros										-	12
MONDAY, Rick, Cubs		-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1		11
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ROBINSON, Bill, Pirates	-	#	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	9
SUTTON, Don, Dodgers		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	7
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AMERICAN LEAGUE VOTES

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BRETT, George, Royals	2	14	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	217
RIVERS, Mickey, Yankees	1	6	6	5	3	2	-	-	_	1/2	1791/2
McRAE, Hal, Royals	-	4	1	6	1	3	3	4	2	-	99
CHAMBLIS, Chris, Yankees	-	-	-	3	2	3	4	1	1	21/2	711/2
CAREW, Rod, Twins	1	-	1	-	3	-	4	3	2	2	71
OTIS, Amos, Royals	1	-	-	1	3	2	1	1	1	-	58
CAMPBELL, Bill, Twins	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	2	2	2	56
MAY, Lee, Orioles	-	-	1	-	2	3	2.	1	1	3	51
PALMER, Jim, Orioles	-	-	-	2	3	2	-	1	1	-	47
FIDRYCH, Mark, Tigers	1	-	-	1		1	1	2	2	1	41
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TANANA, Frank, Angels	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	2	19
JACKSON, Reggie, Orioles	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	17
NETTLES, Graig, Yankees	-	-	-	-	1	+	1	1	2	- 2	17
TENACE, Gene, Athletics	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	13
FINGERS, Rollis, Athletics	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	12
BLUE, Vida, Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2		10
FIGUEROA, Ed, Yankees	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	9
LYLE, Sparky, Yankees	1-	-	=	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	8
LeFLORE, Ron Tigers		-									6
LITTELL, Mark, Royals	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		5
CARTY, Rico, Indians		-								-	5 5 3
WHITE, Roy, Yankees		-									3
TIANT, Luis, Red Sox		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
MAYBERRY, John, Royals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
WYNEGAR, Butch, Twins	**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1



JOE MORGAN, who can bunt or go for fences, led NL in slugging in '76.

CY YOUNG AWARDS

NL			
and the same of th	1st		3rd Pts.
RANDY JONES, Padres	15	6	3 96
Jerry Koosman, Mets	7	10	4 691/2
Don Sutton, Dodgers	1	4	8 251/2
Steve Carlton, Phillies	_	3	2 11
Rawley Eastwick, Reds	-	1	8 25½ 2 11 3 6
Jon Matlack, Mets	1	-	- 5
J.R. Richard, Astros			3 6 - 5 2 2
			1 1
Tom Seaver, Mets	-	-	
AL			
	1st	2nd	3rd Pts.
JIM PALMER, Orioles		4	1 108
Mark Fidrych, Tigers		7 5 3	5 51
Frank Tanana, Angels		5	5 51 3 18 3 12
Frank Tanana, Angels	-	2	2 12
Ed Figueroa, Yankees	-	2	1 10
Luis Tiant, Red Sox		3	5 8
Vida Blue, Athletics		1	
Bill Campbell, Twins	-	1	4 7
Rollie Fingers, Athletics	-	-	1 1
Wayne Garland, Orioles	-	-	1 1

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AL /	/otes
FIDRYCH, Mark, Tigers	22
FIDRYCH, Mark, Tigers WYNEGAR, Butch, Twins	2
NL	
	/otes
METZGER, Butch, Padres	11
TACHDY Pat Pade	11
Cruz, Hector, Cardinals	2

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

	V	otes
BILLY MARTIN, Yankees	1	641/2
Whitey Herzog, Royals		291/2
Gene Mauch, Twins		20



THURMAN MUNSON hit .302 for AL champs in '76, driving home 105 runs.

RANDY JONES posted 22 wins in 1976 to capture NL Cy Young Award.



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1074 DILL CAMPBELL T.	70	1/0			
1976 BILL CAMPBELL, Twins	18	168			
1974 JOHN HILLER, Tigers	59	150	17-14 13		2.64
1963 Ron Perranoski, Dodgers	69	129	16-3 21	75	1.67
1050 lim Konstanty Dhillion	71		16-7 22		2.66
1950 Jim Konstanty, Phillies	74	132			
1964 Dick Radatz, Red Sox	19	157	16-9 29		2.29
1952 Hoyt Wilhelm, Giants	71	159	15-3 11	108	2.43
1961 Louis Arroyo, Yankees	65	119	15-5 29	87	2.19
1963 Dick Radatz, Red Sox	66	133	15-6 25		
1705 DICK RUGUIZ, REG SOX	00				
1965 Eddie Fisher, White Sox	82	105	15-7 24	90	2.40
1938 Mace Brown, Pirates	49	125	15-8 5	55	3.62
1975 DALE MURRAY, Expos	63	111	15-8 9	43	4.05
1974 MIKE MARSHALL, Dodgers	106		15-12 21		2.42
1000 Phil P	100	117	141 21	00	1.62
1900 Phil Regan, Dodgers	00	11/	14-1 21	00	1.02
1966 Phil Regan, Dodgers 1952 Joe Black, Dodgers	54	128	14-3 15	85	2.03
1956 Hershell Freeman, Reds	64	109	14-5 18	50	3.40
1961 Stu Miller, Giants	63	122	14-5 17	89	2.66
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1965 Stu Miller, Orioles	0/	119	14-7 24		
1947 Joe Page, Yankees	54	141	14-8 17	116	
1972 MIKE MARSHALL, Expos	65	116	14-8 18	95	1.78
1969 Frank Linzy, Giants	50	116	14.0 11	62	3.65
1707 Fluir Lillzy, Glunts	20	170	1/11 21	104	0.00
1973 MIKE MARSHALL, Expos	72	1/9	14-11 31	124	2.66

Top Firemen

TOP RELIEVERS-1976

(Total 4-or-more wins and saves)

Bill Campbell led the American League relievers last season with 17 wins and 20 saves. The righthander, now with Red Sox, also joined the exclusive club of 14-or-more relief wins, led all relievers in games pitched with 78 and his 167 2/3 innings set a new American League record. The old mark of 165 innings was held by Eddie Fisher of the White Sox in 1965.

Rollie Fingers of the Athletics and Sparky Lyle of the Yankees kept the battle for AL relief honors close. Fingers equalled Campbell's 20 saves but was four short in wins. Lyle's 23 saves led

the league.

Rawly Eastwick of the Reds topped the National League Firemen with 26 saves and 11 wins, matching Campbell's combination total of 37

combination total of 37.

Eastwick, Cincinnati rookie in 1975 when he finished second to Al Hrabosky of the Cardinals with 22 saves and five wins, breezed to the top of the NL heap in 1976.

Since 1969 when saves were officially incorporated into the record, Sparky Lyle climbed into the top spot with 159 career saves and Cardinals' Dave Giusti's 133 is NL's best.

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	relief	S	W
CAMPBELL, Bill, Twins		20	17
CAMPBELL, BIII, IWIIIS	70		13
FINGERS, Rollie, Athletics	. /0	20	
LYLE, Sparky, Yankees	. 64	23	7
LYLE, Sparky, Yankees HILLER, John, Tigers	. 56	13	11
KERN, Jim, Indians	. 50	15	9
LITTELL, Mark, Royals	60	16	8
LaROCHE, Dave, Indians	61	21	1
HAMILTON Dave White Com	45	10	
HAMILION, Dave, White Sox	. 43		0
HAMILTON, Dave, White Sox	. 39	10	2
MINGORI, Steve, Royals	. 50	10	5
FRISELLA, Dan, Brewers	32	9	5
DRAGO, Dick, Angels	43	6	7
FOUCAULT, Steve, Rangers	46	5	8
MURPHY, Tom, Brewers-Red Sox	52	9	1
MORPHI, IOM, Drewers-Red Jox	17	10	2
TIDROW, Dick, Yankees	. 4/		3
WILLOUGHBY, Jim, Red Sox	. 54	10	65555784334
CASTRO, Bill, Brewers	. 39	8	4
LINDBLAD, Paul, Athletics	65	5	6
TODD, Jim, Athletics CARROLL, Clay, White Sox RORIGUEZ, Eddie, Brewers BURGMEIER, Tom, Twins JACKSON, Grant, Orioles-Yankees	49	4	7
CARROLL Clay White Sox	29	6	4
PODDIGHET Eddia Browners	45	8	2
DIDCHEIED Tom Twins	57	ĭ	0
LACKCON Court Ociales Vanlage	24	- 5	6
JACKSON, Grant, Orloles-Tankees	. 34	47	3
MILLER, Dyer, Orioles	. 49	1	2
HOERNER, Joe, Rangers	. 41	8	0
BUSKEY, Tom, Indians	39	8	42852053341
GRILLI. Steve. Tigers	. 36	3	3
SCOTT Mickey Angels	33	3	3
HOLDSWORTH Fred Orioles	16	2	4
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MILLER, Dyer, Orioles HOERNER, Joe, Rangers BUSKEY, Tom, Indians GRILLI, Steve, Tigers SCOTT, Mickey, Angels HOLDSWORTH, Fred, Orioles HOUSE, Tom, Red Sox BREWER, Jim, Angels VERHOEVEN, John, Angels LEE, Bill, Red Sox BAPPIOS, Frank, White, Sox	. 13	33242433	3
VERHOEVEN, John, Angels	. 21	4	0
LEE, Bill, Red Sox	. 10	3	1
BARRIOS, Frank, White Sox	. 21	3	1
GURA, Larry, Royals	18	1	3
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	G. in		
	relief	S	W
EASTWICK, Rawley, Reds	71	26	11
EASTWICK, Rawley, Reds HOUGH, Charley, Dodgers	77	18	12
LOCKWOOD, Claude, Mets	56	19	10
METZGER, Butch, Padres	77	16	11
FORSCH Ken Astros	52	19	4
FORSCH, Ken, Astros	65	12	10
HRAROSKY Alan Cardinals	68	13	8
HRABOSKY, Alan, Cardinals GARBER, Gene, Phillies MARSHALL, Mike, Dodgers-Braves MOFFITT, Randy, Ciants	50	ii	Š
MARSHALL Mike Dodgers Braves	54	14	6
MOEEITT Pandy Ciante	58	14	ě
REED, Ron, Phillies	55	14	6
McGRAW, Tug, Phillies	50	11	7
MURRAY, Dale, Expos	01	13	1
CULTED Bruce Cube	52	10	è
SUTTER, Bruce, Cubs	40	9	
DEVINE, Adrian, Braves	F0	9	5
KNOWLES, Darold, Cubs	. 20	9	
HOOSE R-L Pintes	. 04	10	55
TEKULVE, Ken, Pirates MOOSE, Bob, Pirates BORBON, Pedro, Reds	. 31	8	4
CHIETI David Piantas	. 00	6	
GIUSTI, Dave, Pirates	40	4	CO CO CO CO
SOSA, Elias, Braves-Dodgers	43	7	,
McENANEY, Will, Reds	. 33	5	-
APODACA, Bob, Mets	43	5	
PENTZ, Gene, Astros ZEMORA, Oscar, Cubs GRIEF, Bill, Padres REUSCHEL, Bill, Cubs	40	2	-
ZEMOKA, Oscar, Cubs	. 30	3	1
GKIEF, Bill, Padres	4/	6	
REUSCHEL, Bill, Cobs	48	3	4
COLEMAN, Joe, Cubs	. 35	4	1
HEAVERLO, Dave, Giants HERNANDEZ, Ramon, Pirates-Cubs	. 61	1	4
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MAXIMINO, Leon, Braves	. 30	3	- 4
SARMIENTO, Manny, Reds	. 22	0	- 6
SARMIENTO, Manny, Reds WALLACE, Mike, Cardinals SCHEULER, Ron, Phillies	. 49	2	
SCHEULER, Ron, Phillies	. 35	3	1
TWITCHELL, Wayne, Phillies	. 24	1	3
WALKER, Tom, Cardinals	. 10	3	1



RAWLY EASTWICK, Cincinnati bullpen ace, won eleven games and saved 26.



BILL CAMPBELL, who won 17 games as Twins' reliever, moved to Boston.

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NL	AL
1906 Chicago	1911 Philadelphi
1912 New York	1920 Chicago
1922 New York	1920 Cleveland
1927 Pittsburgh	1921 New York
1928 St. Louis	1922 St. Louis
1929 Chicago	1924 Washington
1934 St. Louis	1927 New York
1935 Chicago	1929 Philadelphi
1940 Cincinnati	1932 New York
1941 Brooklyn	1933 Washington
1942 St. Louis	1935 Detriot
1946 St. Louis	1936 New York
1947 Brooklyn	1939 New York
1951 New York	1946 Boston
1955 Brooklyn	1948 Cleveland
1957 Milwaukee	1953 New York
1960 Pittsburgh	1954 Cleveland
	1961 New York
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1969 New York	
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NUMBER 1

Baseball experts Richard Dozer and Phil Collier put the finger on all four major league divisional winners in the 1976 edition of Street and Smith's official Baseball Yearbook. Dozer, baseball writer with The Chicago Tribune and last year's president of the Baseball Writers Association of America, forecast the Yankees and Royals as '76 winners of the American League Fact and West Collier veteron writer with American League East and West. Collier, veteran writer with the San Diego Union, correctly picked the Reds in the National League West and the Phillies in the East.

In three of the four divisions, these two analysts also had the second place club correctly located: Oakland in the AL West, the Dodgers in the NL West, and the Pirates in the

NL East.

5. San Diego 6. Houston

The one circuit wherein there was a miss for second place, the rest of the division was perfectly assessed. Only the switch of Boston (picked second) and Baltimore (third) prevented the American League East from being perfectly rated,

Dozer and Collier again bring you their latest evaluations

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NL	1976 P	REDICTIONS	AL
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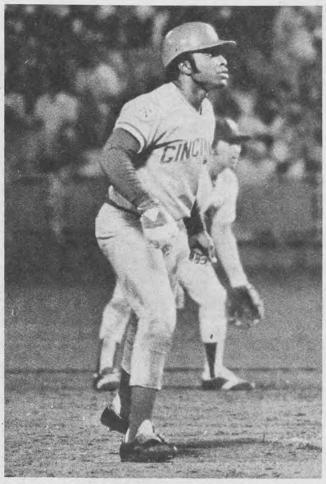
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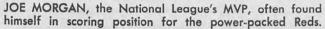
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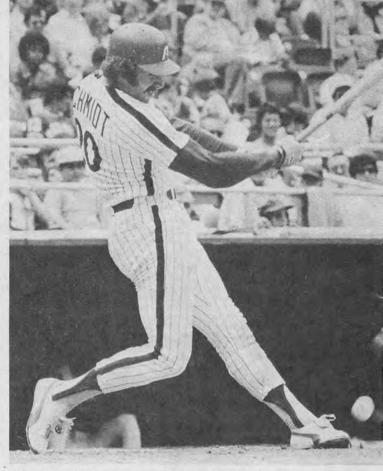


PHIL COLLIER and Sandy Koufax renew acquaintances. DICK DOZER with popular White Sox organist Nancy Faust.









MIKE SCHMIDT was a big cog in Phillies' drive to NL East flag, belting 38 homers for third HR title in row.



By Phil Collier

Veteran baseball writer Phil Collier of the San Diego Union sticks with East and West champs and runners up for '77 season close race.



1976 NATIONAL LEAGUE FINAL

Western Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	Eastern Division W	L	Pct.	GB
CINCINNATI	102	60	.630	-	PHILADELPHIA101	61	.623	-
Los Angeles	92	70	.568	10	Pittsburgh 92	70	.568	9
Houston		82	.494	22	N.Y. Mets 86	76	.531	15
San Francisco		88	.457	28	Chicago 75	87	.463	26
San Diego		89	.451	29	St Louis 72	90	.444	29
Atlanta		92	.432	32	Montreal 55	107	.340	46

PHIL COLLIER PREDICTS TIGHT DIVISIONAL RACES AS REDS BID FOR 3rd STRAIGHT

PREDICTIONS

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	WEST		EAST
1.	Cincinnati	1.	Philadelphia
2.	Los Angeles	2.	Pittsburgh
3.	San Diego	3.	New York
4.	Houston	4.	St. Louis
5.	Atlanta		Chicago
6.	San Francisco	6.	Montreal

Tighter divisional races, Lou Brock's assault on Ty Cobb's stolen base record and Cincinnati's bid for a third straight world championship should make 1977 an eventful year in the National League.

New managers at San Francisco (Joe Altobelli), Chicago (Herman Franks), Los Angeles (Tommy Lasorda), Montreal (Dick Williams), Pittsburgh (Chuch Tanner) and St. Louis (Vern Rapp) should enliven proceedings in half of the league's cities and the NL will welcome some players who were stars in the American League.

The San Diego Padres acquired three of them—catcher Gene Tenace and reliever Rollie Fingers (both of Oakland) and outfielder George Hendrick (Cleveland).

Atlanta obtained a young, power-hitting outfielder, Jeff Burroughs (Texas), who should challenge Mike Schmidt (Philadelphia) and Dave Kingman (Mets) in an interesting battle for the home run title. Schmidt has won it three years in a row.

It also could be a year of turmoil in the NL. Buzzie Bavasi, the San Diego president, is predicting that as many as 100 National Leaguers (about eight per club) could elect to play out their options and enter the sport's second "re-entry draft" next fall.

Bavasi also believes that, by 1980, three or four major league teams could "go broke" as a result of player defections made possible by last year's demise of the reserve clause.

However, NL attendance increased in 1976 for the third time in four years, rising 60,039 to 16,660,529.

Philadelphia, at 2,480,150, was up 570,917 and set an all-time record for that franchise.

So did Cincinnati, drawing 2,629,708 for an increase of 314,105, and San Diego (1,458,478, up 176,731 over 1975).

The Reds and Phillies figure to repeat as champions in the West and East, respectively, but the races could be closer. If so, the turnstiles will click at an even faster pace.

The Western Division could have its first close race since 1974, when Los Angeles won with a fourgame bulge. The Reds finished 20 games in front of the second-place Dodgers in 1975 and were 10 in front of those same runnersup in 1976.

San Diego and Atlanta, the bottom clubs in the West, appear to be the most improved teams in the league. That should tighten up the division, perhaps considerably.

However, the Reds should prevail again, followed by Los Angeles, San Diego, Houston, Atlanta and San Francisco.

The Phillies, who hadn't won anything since 1950, should repeat in the East, followed by Pittsburgh, New York, St. Louis, Chicago and Montreal.

The Cardinals retrenched in their scouting and minor league departments in 1976 after logging the largest attendance decline in the NL. St. Louis dropped 488,191 to 1,207,079.

Things should improve this season, however, because Brock has a shot at breaking Cobb's major league stolen base record before the end of the year. Brock is 37 but he was entering the season only 27 thefts behind Cobb (892 to 865).

Interest will rise in Montreal, where the Expos hit an all-time low with a gate of 646,704. The Expos have a prominent new manager (Williams), they've acquired two well known infielders (Tony Perez and Dave Cash) and the club hoped to be able to move into the new modern Olympic Stadium.

The 1977 season could be marked by some significant individual achievements. San Francisco third baseman Bill Madlock will be gunning for his third straight NL batting crown.

Brock has a date with destiny and Schmidt will try to nail down his fourth straight home run title.

Lasorda, the Dodgers' new manager, believes second baseman Davey Lopes is capable of breaking the major league record Brock established when he stole 118 bases in 1974. Lopes had 63 last year, despite injuries, and led the NL for the second time in his career.

Cincinnati second baseman Joe Morgan will be out to win the league's "most valuable player" award for the third straight time.

Mets righthander Tom Seaver seeks an unprecedented fourth Cy Young Award.

Pete Rose, the Reds' veteran third baseman, will try to lead the league in runs scored and doubles for the fourth season in succession.

Cincinnati will attempt to become the first National League team ever to win the world championship three years in a row. The only other NL club ever to win as many as two straight was the New York Giants of 1921-22.

When the Reds reach the playoffs, as they're expected to do against Philadelphia again, they will be favored to gain their fifth pennant in George (Sparky) Anderson's seven seasons as manager in Cincinnati.

There'll be a lot to look for in the National

League! The unprecedented "second" inter-league trading period just before the season was to begin has provided an additional amount of suspense.

West

CINCINNATI REDS

Balance, in Bob Howsam's view, is the reason why Cincinnati will be bidding for its third straight world championship this year and balance is the thing that Howsam is most fearful of preserving.

"This may be the last team you'll see that has it," the skilled general manager said last fall after the Reds swept the Yankees in the World Series. It was the first time since 1922 that a National League team had won two straight world titles.

The death last year of baseball's reserve clause was an act, Howsam believes, that will prevent future teams from gaining balance and keeping it. If so, it will be a pity, because the Reds have such delicate balance between hitting, pitching, speed, defense and depth.

An eventual breakup of the Cincinnati powerhouse may have started last fall when star lefthander Don Gullett, unable to reach a salary agreement, left to join the Yankees.

"I realize he (Howsam) has convictions and principles," says catcher Johnny Bench. "I don't know where we're going. If he wants to keep the Reds as they are now, he's going to have to sign everybody

JOHNNY BENCH, left, displays home run trot on one of his 28 blasts in 1976. PETE ROSE, center, was his usual self, batting .323 and GEORGE FOSTER, right, played a vital role with 121 RBI, 29 homers and a .307 batting average.













GARY NOLAN, left, and PAT ZACHRY, right, combined for 29 victories last season for the champion Reds. SPARKY ANDERSON, center, in jacket, has words of advice for reliever RAWLY EASTWICK, who had 26 saves last season.

to great contracts. It won't break him. When you draw 2.6 million people a year (as the Reds have been doing), you make a lot of money."

Manager George (Sparky) Anderson takes great pride in his team's zest, its character and its togetherness but that could be torn apart by salary squabbles and defections.

It apparently will take that, or a rash of injuries to key performers, if the Reds are to be denied their fifth pennant in Anderson's seven seasons at the helm.

Last year, the Reds won 102 regular-season games, finishing a comfortable 10 lengths ahead of Los Angeles. The Reds demolished Philadelphia in the playoffs and the Yankees in the World Series.

The Big Red Machine will miss Gullett when the playoffs roll around again next fall. The 26-year-old won 91 games and lost only 44 in his seven years with Cincinnati. However, he was sidelined with injuries much of the last two seasons, working in only 22 games in 1975 and in 23 last year.

Gullett's loss may have been offset in December when the Reds traded 34-year-old first baseman Tony Perez to Montreal for Woody Fryman, a lefthand starter, and Dale Murray, a righthand reliever.

Perez was traded to make room in the starting lineup for 25-year-old Dan Driessen, a lefthand hitter who averaged .247 with seven homers, 44 RBI and 14 stolen bases. Since second baseman Joe Mor-

gan, third baseman Pete Rose, right fielder Ken Griffey and centerfielder Cesar Geronimo also bat from the left side (Rose switches), the Reds may face more lefthanders than usual. If so, Driessen could platoon with Bob Bailey or rookie Dave Revering, who had 27 homers at Indianapolis.

Otherwise, the Reds are well set with Bench (.234, 16 homers, 74 RBI) behind the plate, Morgan (.320, 27 homers, 111 RBI, 60 stolen bases) at second, Dave Concepcion (.281, 9 homers, 69 RBI, 21 stolen bases) at short, Rose (.323, 10 homers, 63 RBI) at third, George Foster (.306, 29 homers, 121 RBI, 17 stolen bases) in left, Geronimo (.307, 22 stolen bases) in center and Griffey (.336, 74 RBI, 34 stolen bases) in right.

Bailey (.298), Ed Armbrister (295), Doug Flynn (.284), Mike Lum (.228) and Bill Plummer (.248) head the Reds' strong bench.

Bench was hampered by a shoulder problem most of the year and hit fewer than 25 homers for the first time since 1968, his first full season in the majors. However, he mended late in the year and was the star of the World Series.

Morgan repeated as the NL's most valuable player, an award Foster thought he deserved. Morgan is 33 and Rose was to turn 36 in April. Either could begin to falter and the Reds have to hope that injuries won't hurt them at key positions.

Their speed, power, defense and depth have been

enough to sustain a long-maligned pitching staff, one that lists only two lefthanders.

Fryman, who was 13-13 with Montreal, is a 37-year-old veteran who will take his spot in the starting rotation alongside Pat Zachry (14-7), Gary Nolan (15-9), Jack Billingham (12-10) and Santo Alcala (11-4). Zachry was co-rookie of the year in the NL.

Anderson expects one of his starters to be Tom Hume (9-12 at Indianapolis) or Larry Payne (9-9 at Indy).

Fred Norman (12-7) probably will go to the bullpen because he's the only other lefthander available. Murray (4-9, 13 saves) will take some heat off Rawly Eastwick (11-5, 26 saves, 71 appearances). Pedro Borbon (4-3, 8 saves), Joe Henderson (2-0), Manny Sarmiento (5-1) and Pat Darcy (2-3, 2 saves) probably will round out the staff.

The Reds are still in a class by themselves!

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

Walter Alston has retired after 23 successful seasons as manager of the Dodgers and that will be only one of the changes in the Los Angeles team this year.

Alston's successor, rah-rah third base coach Tommy Lasorda, will juggle the batting order and has served notice that the Dodgers will be much more aggressive on the base paths.

"We have the speed to do it," says Lasorda, who contends the Dodgers have the horses to play back to their pennant-winning form of 1974 and end Cincinnati's two-year domination of the NL.

Operations last fall are expected to remedy inju-

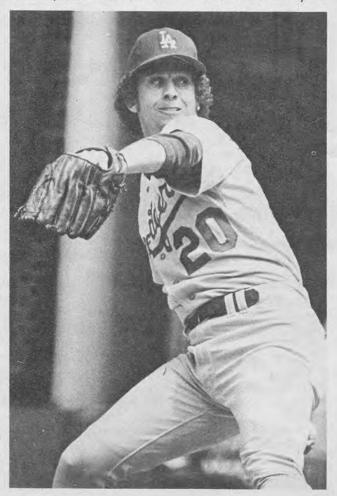
DOUG RAU, Dodger southpaw, turned in 2.57 ERA last year, second best in National League, and had 16-12 mark.

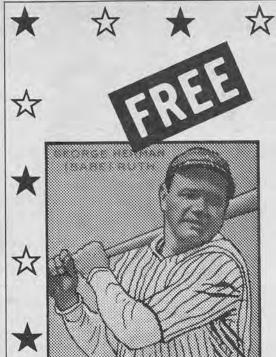




RICK MONDAY, slugging outfielder acquired from the Cubs, will lend needed punch to Dodger attack in 1977.

DON SUTTON became 20-game winner for first time in his career, posted a 21-10 record and 2.06 ERA last year.





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ries that handicapped centerfield Dusty Baker, right-fielder Reggie Smith and shortstop Bill Russell last season, when the Dodgers won 92 games but finished second, 10 lengths behind the Reds.

It's easy to see why the Dodgers couldn't keep pace. The Reds outhit them, .280 to .251, outscored them by a margin of 249 runs (857 to 608), outhomered them, 141 to 91, and outstole them, 210 to 144.

The Dodgers dropped out of first place on May 29 and the Reds led all the rest of the way.

Cincinnati won 13 of the 18 meetings between the teams and the Dodgers were further damaged by their inability to cope with their nearest neighbors. They lost 12 of 18 against San Diego.

Still, it was another big year at the gate for owner Walter O'Malley and his son, club president Peter O'Malley. Though fans are beginning to chafe over the inability to match strides with the Reds, the Dodgers opted not to make a serious bid for improvement in the re-entry draft.

High finishes in the standings have hurt the Dodgers in the free agent draft over the years and the farm system doesn't spawn prospects the way it once did

However, general manager Al Campanis gave the Dodgers' title hopes a shot in the arm in January when he traded sub shortstop Ivan DeJesus and left-fielder Bill Buckner to the Cubs for the centerfielder and lefthand power hitter the Los Angeles team had sought for so long—Rick Monday of the Cubs. The Dodgers also got reliever Mike Garman (2-4, one save).

Monday hit 32 homers, drove in 77 runs and averaged .272 last season and will give better balance to the Los Angeles attack. He'll play center, solving a problem spot.

When the Dodgers are healthy, which they've seldom been the last two seasons, they fear no one. That's partly because of a pitching staff that ranked second only to the Mets in the NL last season.

That's remarkable, considering that they lost star righthander Andy Messersmith, who was declared a free agent, and that they traded away their 1974 Cy Young Award winner, reliever Mike Marshall.

If the Dodgers are to catch the Reds this year, and that appears unlikely, they'll need even further pitching improvement and it will require strong comebacks on the part of Smith, Baker, second baseman Davey Lopes and righthander Burt Hooton.

"They (the Dodgers) are so dependent on (Steve) Garvey and (Ron) Cey—they both have to hit, the pressure is always on them," says Cincinnati manager George (Sparky) Anderson.

Garvey (.317, 13 homers, 80 RBI) has been a jewel of consistency, averaging over .300 for four seasons in a row while playing a dazzling first base. Cey, the stocky third baseman, has clouted 66 homers (18-25-23) and driven in 278 runs (97-101-80) over the last three seasons.

Russell (.274) had his finest year at short. The Dodgers hated to give up young leftfielder Buckner (.301, 28 stolen bases) but still have depth in left field led up by Baker, who will shift from center. He concealed a knee injury and was a disappointment (.242, 4 homers, 39 RBI, only 2 thefts). Smith, the veteran switchhitter, came over from St. Louis and hit 18 homers but injuries limited him to 112 games and he knocked in only 49 runs, low-water mark in his ten seasons as a big leaguer.

More alarming, Lopes was felled by a spring injury, played in only 117 games and still managed to steal 63 bases. Lasorda believes Lopes can break Lou Brock's major league record for one season, if healthy.

Lopes, Russell and Monday will head Lasorda's revised batting order, Russell being elevated from the No. 8 spot to take advantage of his speed.

Still, much depends on a fine starting staff that includes Don Sutton (21-10), Doug Rau (16-12), Rick Rhoden (12-3), Hooton (11-15) and Tommy John (10-10 after a remarkable comeback).

Knuckleballer Charlie Hough (12-8 with 18 saves) leads a bullpen that includes Stan Wall (2-2 with one save), Al Downing (1-2 with no saves) and Elias Sosa (6-8 with four saves). Rookies Rick Sutcliffe (10-11 at Waterbury); Rex Hudson (8-5 at Albu-

RON CEY gets glad hand from TOM LASORDA, new LA manager this year, after socking one of his 23 homers.



MIKE IVIE, burly first baseman for San Diego Padres, batted .291 last season.

BUTCH METZGER, Padre reliever, had 16 saves and 2.93 ERA as rookie.







RANDY JONES, the Cy Young Award winner who won 22 games in '76, is a question mark because of arm surgery.

querque) and Dennis Lewallyn (15-10 at Albuquerque) are bidding for jobs.

The Dodgers have some rather talented subs (Manny Mota, Ed Goodson, Rick Auerbach, John Hale, Henry Cruz, Glenn Burke, Lee Lacy and Joe Simpson) but they can't match the Reds' firepower.

SAN DIEGO PADRES

The Padres are billing themselves as baseball's most improved team, yet they approached their ninth season with some apprehension.

The addition of outfielder George Hendrick, catcher-first baseman Gene Tenace and reliever Rollie Fingers, all obtained last fall, raises hopes that the San Diego team can reach the .500 level for the first time in history but the Padres' fate again seems to rest on Randy Jones.

A 20-game winner the last two seasons (20-12 in 1975 and 22-14 in 1976), the National League's Cy Young Award winner suffered nerve damage in his left arm last September and had to undergo surgery. A complete recovery seems likely but isn't assured.

Without the little sinkerball specialist, the Padres would be in serious trouble. He accounted for 28 per cent of their 71 victories in 1975 and for 30 per cent of their 73 triumphs last season.

The Jones situation is chancy and so is the middle of the San Diego infield. The plan is to go with rookies at shortstop (Bill Almon) and at second base (Mike Champion).

Tenace, who had knee problems at Oakland, is expected to be the regular catcher and the Padres welcome his big bat. However, there is concern over whether he'll be able to deal with rival base stealers such as Davey Lopes, Lou Brock, Cesar Cedeno, Joe Morgan and Enos Cabell, to name only a few.

The Padres helped themselves more than any of their rivals because they were the only NL team which signed as many as two players (Tenace and Fingers) in the re-entry draft last fall. To get Hendrick, a much-needed power hitter from Cleveland, the Padres gave up three players who no longer figured in their every-day plans.

They were catcher Fred Kendall, left fielder John Grubb and utility infielder Hector Torres.

"I think we're 50 per cent stronger than we were last season," says Padre president Buzzie Bavasi. "Lack of power was one of our problems (the Padres were next-to-last in the NL with only 64 homers). I feel we've remedied that. Over the last four years, Hendrick has averaged just over 22 homers and 74 runs batted in per year. Tenace has averaged 25 homers and 78 RBI the last four years.

"I'm counting on Tenace and Hendrick to drive in 80 runs apiece. With Hendrick, we've added a new dimension. Now we have the speed we've been looking for."

The Padres figure to have new faces at five positions in 1977. Tenace replaces Kendall behind the plate, Hendrick takes over in centerfield from Willie Davis (who was sold to the Chunichi Dragons), Champion replaces Tito Fuentes at second, Almon succeeds Enzo Hernandez at short and either Jerry Turner or rookie Gene Richards will replace Grubb in left.

The holdovers are Mike Ivie (.291, seven homers, 70 RBI) at first base, Doug Rader (.257, nine homers, 55 RBI) at third and Dave Winfield (.283, 13 homers, 69 RBI) in right.

Barring further trades, either Turner or Richards will be the only lefthand hitter in the lineup. Turner batted .306 the last half of the season to raise his final average to .267 but he'll be pressed by Richards, an excellent baserunner who has hit for high averages in the minors.

The Padres are billing their bullpen of Fingers, Butch Metzger and Dave Tomlin as the equal of any in the majors.

Fingers had a 13-11 record and 20 saves with Oakland. Metzger, co-rookie of the year in the NL, had an 11-4 record and 16 saves. Both are righthanders. Tomlin, a lefthander, was 0-1 with no saves but his earned run average for his final 51 innings was a microscopic 1.76.

Jones, lefthander Brent Strom (12-16), righthander Dave Freisleben (10-13) and righthander Tom Griffin (9-6) will start. Rick Sawyer (5-3), Dan Spillner (2-11), Alan Foster (3-6), Dave Wehrmeister (0-4), Rich Folkers (2-3), Jerry Johnson (1-3) and rookie Bob Shirley will battle for the remaining three spots on the staff.

If Jones is sound, the Padres should reach the .500

HOUSTON ASTROS

One is advised not to mention the "sophomore jinx" around the Astros because it is a condition to which they're vulnerable.

Manager Bill Virdon and general manager Tal Smith took a lot of bows last season because the Astros improved from 64 victories and last place in 1975 to 80 victories and the No. 3 spot in the National League West.

Most of the credit was attributed to seven rookie pitchers who emerged from the minors to distinguish themselves in Houston's rebuilding program. The Astros were even further blessed when six-foot, eight-inch J. R. Richard, a 26-year-old righthander, finally blossomed to win 20 of his 35 decisions.

Baseball history is littered with cases where second-year players floundered and the Astros can only hope it doesn't happen to pitchers such as Joaquin Andujar, Dan Larson, Bo McLaughlin, Gene Pentz, Mark Lemongello, Gil Rondon and Joe Sambito. If Houston is to make further strides this season, and that is questionable, then all seven must continue to progress.

Andujar, picked up in a trade with Cincinnati, is a 24-year-old righthander who was 9-10. He beat the Reds three times.

Larson, brought up from Memphis, is a 22-yearold breaking ball specialist who was 5-8 with an impressive 3.03 earned run average.

McLaughlin, also pressed into the starting rotation, was 4-5 with a 2.84 ERA. He's a 23-year-old righthander.

Pentz, a righthand reliever, was 3-3 with five saves and a 2.95 ERA.

Lemongello, 21, is a righthander who was 3-1 with a 2.79 ERA in four late-season starts.

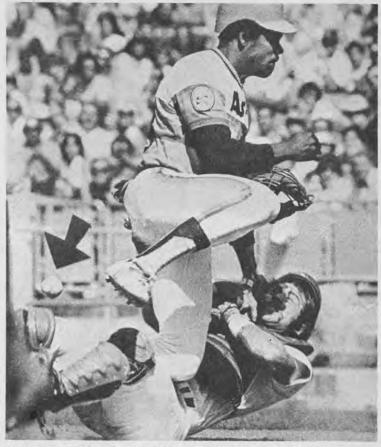
Sambito, a lefthand reliever, went from Columbus to Memphis and finally to Houston, where he was 3-2 with one save.

Rondon had some problems but broke even in four decisions.

The Astros employed still another rookie pitcher, Jose Sosa, but he had no decisions or saves in nine games.

BOB WATSON, Astros first basemen, hit .313 and drove in 102 runs in 1976 and J.R. RICHARD had 20 victories.





CESAR CEDENO, who hit .297 with 18 homers in 1976, knocks ball loose from Dodger catcher STEVE YEAGER.

It was an encouraging year for the Houston team, although its attendance again was disappointing (886,146).

The Astros underwent an ownership change, Judge Roy Hofheinz losing control of the team he entered into the NL in 1962, and they were inactive in the re-entry draft.

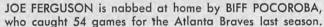
However, management made several off-season moves that might strengthen the team. The development of so many young pitchers prompted the Astros to trade veteran righthander Larry Dierker (13-14 with four shutouts) to the Cardinals for a much-needed catcher, Joe Ferguson (.222 with six homers). Houston receivers were charged with 32 passed balls in 1976 (Philadelphia and Cincinnati each had only six).

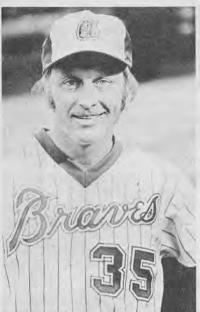
Houston rivals were able to run on Cliff Johnson, Ed Hermann and Skip Jutze, the Astros' catchers. Ferguson could change that. Virdon and Smith have reason for optimism.

First baseman Bob Watson had a big year (.313, 16 homers, 102 RBI). Second baseman Rob Andrews hit .256, his finest year. Roger Metzger batted only .210 but led NL shortstops in fielding.

Third baseman Enos Cabell (.273) stole 43 bases. Centerfielder Cesar Cedeno, 26, could explode this season after hitting .297 with 18 homers, 83 RBI and 58 stolen bases. Left fielder Jose Cruz must repeat









PHIL NIEKRO, left, knuckled down for 17 wins in 1976 and ANDY MESSERSMITH had 11-11 mark with 3.04 ERA.

his finest year (.303 with 28 stolen bases).

The trading of Greg Gross, a high-average hitter with no power or speed (he went to the Cubs for a minor league infielder) has opened up right field for Leon Roberts (.289, 7 homers), Wilbur Howard (.220) and newcomer Jim Fuller, who had 19 homers with Rochester.

The Astros are pulling for Fuller because of his

The Houston team was seventh in the NL in fielding, seventh in pitching, fifth in hitting, 10th in homers (partly because of the Astrodome's spacious confines) and second only to Cincinnati in stolen bases.

It is a team without a lefthand hitter of any consequence and it played poorly last season against the top two finishers in each division, going 17-43 against those four clubs. The Astros were 6-12 against the Reds, 5-13 against the Dodgers, 4-8 vs. the Phils and 2-10 vs. Pittsburgh.

Against everyone else, the Astros were 63-39, a .618 clip.

They lack depth, power and lefthand hitting but speed will take them a long way and much will depend on the young pitching. Richard, Andujar, McLaughlin, Lemongello and Larson could be joined in the starting rotation by Joe Niekro (4-8), Mike Cosgrove (3-4) or Joe McIntosh, who was out all year with a bad arm. Ken Forsch (4-3 with 19 saves) heads the bullpen.

The Astros have a lot riding on their kid pitchers.

ATLANTA BRAVES

Some cynics may suggest that the Braves will be better if only because they traded one fifth of their last place team to get a power hitting right fielder, Jeff Burroughs, from the Texas Rangers.

Atlanta has cleaned house in each of Ted Turner's

first two winters as owner and the Braves further beefed up their anemic attack when Turner signed San Francisco left fielder Gary Matthews in the reentry draft.

The Braves were a bitter disappointment to Turner, manager Dave Bristol and Atlanta's dwindling collection of fans last season. The club won only 70 games and finished last in the NL West.

Trades that sent Dusty Baker to Los Angeles, Mike Lum to Cincinnati and Ralph Garr to the White Sox didn't pan out. Shortstop Darrel Chaney led the league in errors (37). Centerfielder Jim Wynn, since sold to the Yankees, batted only .207 and right fielder Ken Henderson knocked in only 61 runs. The club was 11th in hitting, 10th in pitching and 10th in fielding.

However, you had to give Turner an E for effort. He signed former Dodger righthander Andy Messersmith, the celebrated free agent, to a \$1 million contract, obtained expensive Dodger reliever Mike Marshall, acquired talented first baseman Willie Montanez from San Francisco, signed the Giants' Matthews and traded for Burroughs, who had 18 homers and 86 RBI for Texas.

The negotiations for Matthews led to Turner's one-year suspension by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, who charged tampering. Kuhn, however, can't keep Turner from rooting and there should be more to cheer about this season.

"I know we've improved our hitting," says Bristol. "We've had a year together, which will help. So will having everyone healthy again."

One of the casualties was centerfielder Rowland Office, who was limited to 99 games and batted .281. Matthews, who'll play left, batted .279, hit 20 homers, had 84 RBI and stole 12 bases. Burroughs hit 108 homers in the American League, 102 of them in the last four seasons.

The powerful righthand batter was psyched out,

however, by winds that blew in from left field in Texas. One look at the low fence in Atlanta convinced him that he had found a new home.

Montanez, who bats lefthanded, came over from San Francisco in June and finished the year at .317, with 11 homers and 84 RBI. He is the strongest link in an infield that includes Rod Gilbreath at second, Chaney at short and Jerry Royster at third. Gilbreath batted .251 with one homer, Chaney hit .252 with one homer and Royster averaged .248. He had five homers and stole 24 bases.

Rob Belloir (.200) and Craig Robinson (.235) are subs in an infield that is judged to be porous.

The Braves have had problems behind the plate and they're placing strong hopes in Dale Murphy, a 21-year-old, 6-4, 190-pounder who came up late in the season to bat .262 in 19 games. If he doesn't make it, Atlanta can fall back on Vic Correll (.225) and Biff Pocoroba (.241).

Atlanta gave up a starter (Carl Morton), two relievers (Adrian Devine and Roger Moret) and two outfielders (Henderson and Dave May) in the Burroughs trade, but the Braves' pitching could be respectable.

Messersmith finished with only an 11-11 record but was one of the hottest pitchers in baseball in mid-season, or until he suffered a leg injury that sharply reduced his effectiveness the final two months.

He'll be part of a "big three" that includes righthanders Phil Niekro (17-11) and Dick Ruthven (14-17). Ruthven was an enigma to the Braves. The 26-year-old Californian lost eight of his last nine decisions after an impressive first half.

The other one or two spots in the rotation will be up for grabs among Frank LaCorte, a hard thrower who was 3-12; Preston Hanna (4-9 at Richmond), Joey McLaughlin (12-8 at Savannah), Jamie Easterly (1-1), Rick Camp (10-11 at Richmond), Buzz Capra (0-1) and Bruce Dal Canton (3-5).

Marshall missed the last part of the season with injuries but returns to head a bullpen that will include Pablo Torrealba (0-2) and Max Leon (2-4). Marshall was 6-4 and had 14 saves in his appearances with the Dodgers and Atlanta.

The Braves' bench will include outfielders Cito

Gaston (.291), Tom Paciorek (.290) and Brian Asselstine (.212).

Atlanta is improved but probably again will have problems on defense and it appears to lack pitching depth.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

Defections from the ranks have taken a toll on the Giants and a rebuilding job lies ahead for rookie manager Joe Altobelli.

The optimism of one spring ago was dashed when the Giants finished 10th in the NL in runs scored, seven in homers and last in fielding (186 errors in 162 games). Pitching enabled San Francisco to finish one game ahead of fifth-place San Diego and four in advance of last-place Atlanta.

Willie Montanez' dissatisfaction with chilly, windswept Candlestick Park led the Giants to trade him to the Braves, for whom he batted .317 and drove in 84 runs.

The San Francisco attack was further weakened last fall when left fielder Gary Matthews played out his option and signed with Atlanta in the re-entry draft. Matthews, the object of tampering charges that brought Atlanta owner Ted Turner a one-year suspension from baseball, averaged .279, hit 20 homers and had 84 RBI.

The Giants' firepower was even further reduced when they returned third baseman Ken Reitz to his original club, St. Louis, for righthander Lynn Mc-Glothen (13-15). Reitz was a .267 hitter who drove in 66 runs.

In other moves, the Giants swapped catcher Dave Rader (.263), righthander John D'Acquisto (3-8) and lefthander Mike Caldwell (1-7) to the Cardinals for veteran lefthand hitter Willie Crawford (.304 with nine homers, 50 RBI).

The Giants can expect a steady diet of lefthand pitching this year because three of their top offensive threats bat lefthanded—Crawford, who'll play left field; first baseman Darrell Evans (.205, 11 homers, 46 RBI) and outfielder-first baseman Gary Thomasson (.259, eight homers, 38 RBI). And there's Willie McCovey if he shows form in Spring training.

Larry Herndon, who batted .288 as a rookie, is

WILLIE MONTANEZ, left, and GARY MATTHEWS, former Giants with the Braves, each drove in 84 runs last year.



RANDY MOFFITT posted 14 saves, 6-6 record for Giants during '76 season.

LARRY HERNDON batted .288 as rookie last year and takes over in center.





pencilled in to play center.

The San Francisco infield, Altobelli's biggest problem was reduced somewhat with the acquisition of NL Batting Champion Bill Madlock from the Chicago Cubs who will succeed Reitz at third base.

Clark, a former third baseman, played the outfield last season, mostly in the minors. He batted .225 in 26 games with the Giants and hit only two homers. However, he slugged 23 homers two years ago in the Texas League.

Another rookie, Johnnie Lemaster (22), is scheduled to take over at short from disappointing veteran Chris Speier, who dropped off to a .226 average. Lemaster batted .210 in 33 games with San Francisco.

Still another rookie, Gary Alexander (24), may beat out Marc Hill and Mike Sadek for the starting catcher's job. Alexander was a .319 hitter at Phoenix but averaged only .178 in 23 games with the Giants. Hill hit .183 and Sadek .204.

Speier may try to beat out Marty Perez (.257) and Derrel Thomas (.232) at second, and he's also available as Madlock's backup at third. The Giants have Chris Arnold, Bruce Miller, Vic Harris and Jack Clark as backup infielders.

There will be a burden on the Giants' talented pitching staff. The starting rotation is solid—John Montefusco (16-14), Jim Barr (15-12), McGlothen (13-15) and Ed Halicki (12-14) All are righthanders.

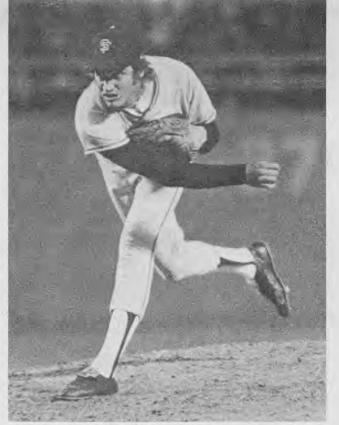
Altobelli needs a lefthand starter and has three prospects. John Curtis, acquired from St. Louis, was 6-11 with the Cardinals. Bob Knepper, a rookie, was 14-10 at Phoenix and 1-2 with San Francisco. Another rookie, Frank Riccelli was 9-11 at Phoenix and 1-1 with the Giants. Rob Dressler, a righthander, also is a candidate, though he was 3-10 last year as a rookie.

Lefthander Gary Lavelle (10-6 with 12 saves) and righthander Randy Moffitt (6-6 with 14 saves) head a bullpen that includes Charlie Williams (2-0) and Dave Heaverlo (4-4).

The Giants showed a modest attendance gain in Bob Lurie's first year as owner but they've drawn less than a million for five seasons in a row and in eight of their last nine campaigns. Realistically, the club could finish last for the first time since 1946.

BILL MADLOCK repeated as NL batting champion in 1976 for Cubs, joined Giants after trade for Bobby Murcer.





JOHN "THE COUNT" MONTEFUSCO came through with 2nd straight strong season, recording 16 wins, 2.85 ERA.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

The Phillies, after winning their first title of any kind (Eastern Division) since their National League pennant with the 1950 Whiz Kids, can look forward to another playoff for the pennant.

Question is: how will they be affected by the 1976 playoffs, when they were wiped out (6-3, 6-2, 7-6) in the minimum three games by Cincinnati's eventual repeaters as world champions?

The Phils won 101 games in 1976 (one less than the Reds) and that was nine more than their previous all-time high (92 in 1964). They attracted record numbers (2,480,150) to Veterans Stadium, though there was late-season panic that threatened the security of manager Danny Ozark and his players.

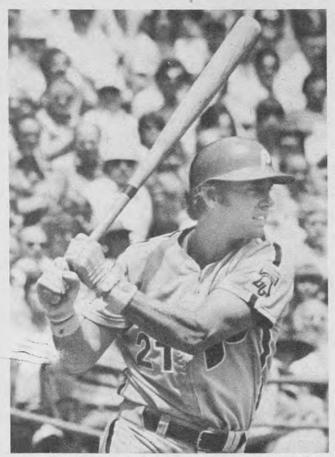
It was an experience that should have tempered and hardened the Phils for what lies ahead. On Aug. 24, they led second-place Pittsburgh by a seemingly insurmountable $15\frac{1}{2}$ games.

From that point through Sept. 17 (with two weeks to go), the Phils lost 17 of 23 decisions. Their lead dwindled to three games, with only 16 remaining.

As it turned out, the Phils were beaten only three times the rest of the way and won their division. Crowds in excess of 62,000 at Philadelphia greeted the first two games of their league playoffs against the Reds and, later, Ozark was named National League "manager of the year."

How will the Phils respond this year?

Well, they've lost the right side of their infield. First baseman Richie Allen (.268, 15 homers, 49 RBI) and second baseman Dave Cash (.284 with 189 hits and 54 walks) both played out their options.



JAY JOHNSTONE had his third fine season with the Phillies, batting .318 on 140 hits, 38 doubles, four triples, five HR.

GREG LUZINSKI, Phillies slugger, belted 21 homers, drove in 95 runs and had a .304 batting mark in 1976 season.



Neither was fully replaced. Pittsburgh third baseman Richie Hebner (.249, 8 homers, 51 RBI) was signed in the re-entry draft and will try his hand at first base. When Cash went to Montreal, the Phils traded reserve catcher Johnny Oates (.253) to the Dodgers for substitute Ted Sizemore (.241, no homers).

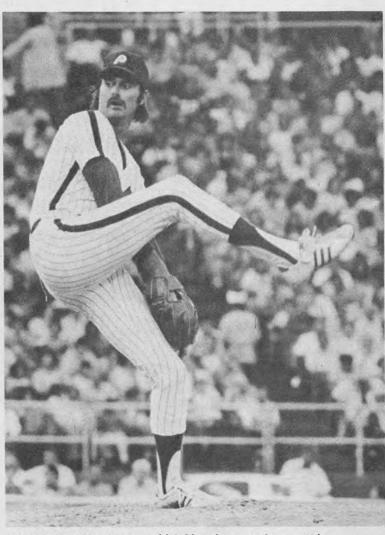
Sizemore, 32, lacks size, speed, power and range, but he batted second at St. Louis the year (1974) Lou Brock stole a record 118 bases. Sizemore will divide time at second with Terry Harmon (.295), long a sub with the Phils.

The Phils will miss Cash leading off and reaching base more than 200 times a season. They have to hope that, with Sizemore and Hebner, they catch lightning in a bottle the way they did with Ollie Brown, Jay Johnstone and Bobby Tolan.

Johnstone, released by the Cardinals in 1974, has batted .295, .329 and .318 in three seasons as an oftentimes right fielder.

Brown, after shuffling from the Giants to the Padres to Oakland, Milwaukee and Houston, has batted .303 and .254 in two seasons as a part-time outfielder and pinchhitter with the Quakers.

Tolan, released by San Diego last spring, averaged



STEVE CARLTON, 32-year-old lefthander, gets better with age, registering a 20-7 record, and 3.11 ERA last year.



JOHN CANDELARIA, big righthander, tossed no-hitter last season for Pirates and had 16-7 record, 3.15 ERA.

.261, hit five homers and stole 10 bases last season while filling in at first base and in the outfield.

They were what was needed for a Philadelphia team that is otherwise sound.

All-Star catcher Bob Boone (.271) had his finest year. Shortstop Larry Bowa (.248) and third baseman Mike Schmidt (.262, 38 homers, 107 RBI, 14 stolen bases) represent a strong left side of the infield.

In the outfield, Garry Maddox (.330, 6 homers, 68 RBI) is a defensive genius in center. There is at least mild concern in left because Greg (The Bull) Luzinski (.304, 21 homers, 95 RBI) suffered a knee injury that seemed to affect his power. He hit only one homer the last five weeks of the season.

The Phils were a close third behind the Mets and Dodgers in pitching and their staff is deeper, perhaps, than either of the other two.

Lefthander Steve Carlton (20-7), who is 32, could get even better after winning 111 games the last six seasons and becoming one of five National Leaguers to reach the 20-victory circle in 1976.

The Phils are blessed with four other proven starters and a newcomer, Randy Lersch (13-11 at Oklahoma City) who excites rival scouts.

Larry Christenson was 13-8, Jim Lonborg 18-10, Jim Kaat (12-14) and Tom Underwood (10-5).

The Phils had a good bullpen to go with their deep starting staff. Tug McGraw (7-6 with 11 saves) didn't seem to throw as well as he once did but the veteran lefthander is ably supported by Ron Reed (8-7 with 14 saves), Gene Garber (9-3 with 11 saves), Ron Schueler (1-0 with 3 saves) and Wayne Twitchell (3-1 with one save).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

The Pirates were too late making a September run at Philadelphia last season and they've done little, it would appear, to bridge the nine games that eventually separated them from the Eastern Division winners.

The Bucs must cope with some significant changes. Danny Murtaugh, who managed them off and on for 15 seasons (including world titles in 1960-71) retired at the end of the year and died of a stroke shortly thereafter.

Joe Brown retired as general manager after 21 seasons, most of them highly successful.

Now Harding (Pete) Peterson runs the front office, Chuck Tanner has come over from Oakland as manager and both face problems.

Time was when the Pirates boasted one of the most feared attacks in the majors. However, to get Tanner, the Pirates dealt catcher Manny Sanguillen (.290, 2 homers) to Oakland and that caused an uproar in a city where attendance has been on a recent decline in face of the Steelers' successes in the National Football League.

Sanguillen, who had averaged .300 since 1969, was scrapped as part of a rebuilding program. It started late last season when the Bucs dealt 36-year-old lefthand reliever Ramon Hernandez to the Cubs.

Sanguillen, 33, had reached the point that he couldn't cope with enemy baserunners. After he left, the Pirates studied many offers for Richie Zisk (.289, 21 homers, 89 RBI) and dealt the slow-footed left fielder to the White Sox for two relievers—right-hander Rich Gossage and lefthander Terry Forster.

A third regular, third baseman Richie Hebner, played out his option and signed with Philadelphia.

There are other complications for Tanner and Peterson.

WILLIE STARGELL was hampered by injuries last year, but banged 20 homers and drove home 65 runs in 117 games.



Centerfielder Al Oliver, who seems to be dissatisfied in Pittsburgh, was the object of much trade talk during the winter. First baseman Willie Stargell, 37, was limited to 117 games by injuries last year and righthander Dave Giusti, once the pride of the bullpen, became ineffective and seldom used at age 37.

But Tanner has some reasons for optimism. The Pirates were third in hitting, third in runs scored, tied for second in homers, were fourth in stolen bases but only ninth in fielding.

Barring a trade, Sanguillen was to be replaced by Duffy Dyer. (.223 with three homers), Ed Ott (.308) or rookie Steve Nicosia (.262 at Charelston).

The infield isn't all that solid. Stargell (.257, 20 homers, 65 RBI) is at first. Rennie Stennett (.257, 18 stolen bases) is at second. Frank Taveras (.258 with 58 thefts) is at short, backed up by Mario Mendoza (.185). Taveras committed 35 errors.

Bill Robinson (.303, 21 homers, 64 RBI) probably will be at third if the Pirates can't arrange a trade. Robinson, an outfielder, spelled Hebner in 37 games last season but had a low fielding average at this unfamiliar spot.

Ken Macha (.301 with 14 homers at Charlotte) also will bid at third.

Oliver (.323, 12 homers, 61 RBI) may move to left field, replacing Zisk and making room for the Bucs to platoon youngsters Omar Moreno (.270, 2 homers

BILL ROBINSON, in one of his appearances at third base for Pirates, erases DICK ALLEN in start of double play.





SQUAWK! Mets second baseman FELIX MILLAN lunges for

in 48 games) and Tony Armas (.235, 21 homers at Charlotte) in center.

Dave Parker (.313 with 13 homers, 90 RBI) returns in right field.

A place may be reserved for 22-year-old Miguel Dilone a switchhitting outfielder who batted .336 and stole 61 bases for Charlotte.

The Pirates have an abundance of starting pitchers. Three are lefthanders—John Candelaria (16-17), Jerry Reuss (14-9) and Jim Rooker (15-8). Three are righthanders—Bruce Kison (14-9), Larry Demery (10-7) and Doc Medich (8-11 after winning 49 games the previous three seasons with the Yankees).

The departure of Hernandez and the decline of Giusti hampered the bullpen but Kent Tekulve (5-3, 9 saves) is back and the trade (of Zisk) for Gossage and Forster should prop up the relief corps.

Gossage was 9-17 as a starter with the White Sox but was miscast, apparently. In 1975, he had a 9-8 record and led the American League in saves with 26

Forster, once an equally-hard thrower, must come back from arm problems after a 2-12 season with the White Sox.

Stargell, Parker and Oliver, the club's three top offensive threats, all bat lefthanded as does first baseman-outfielder Ed Kirkpatrick (.233), one of the club's top subs.

The "Lumber Company" is developing termites.

NEW YORK METS

For those who watched the Rose Bowl, the Mets are mindful of the Michigan Wolverines, who were single-barreled. They could run but they couldn't pass.

The Mets have pitching, the best in the National League in 1976. However, they were ninth in hitting, sixth in runs scored and last in stolen bases (only 66).

Their pitching, their defense (which was fourth)





Dodgers' RON CEY, who thinks he has just stolen base. But umpire DUTCH RENNERT says otherwise and Cey hollers.

and the return to good health of Dave Kingman are sources of encouragement for Joe Frazier as he begins his second season as manager with a new coaching staff that includes Tom Burgess, Willie Mays and Denny Sommers (Rube Walker and Joe Pignatano return).

Kingman had 32 homers when he suffered an injury on July 19, a mishap that shelved him until late August. The big righthand hitter was leading the league when hurt and, at the end, he was only one behind Mike Schmidt (38-37).

The Mets hobbled along at a 16-17 clip during Kingman's absence. They were third when he left and third at the finish as attendance fell off in the face of competition from the Yankees, who were in a rebuilt stadium and en route to their first pennant in 12 years.

The Mets have finished fifth, third and third in the three seasons since their 1973 pennant and they have taken a back seat in New York to the Yankees.

The American Leaguers grabbed the headlines last winter when they signed two of the re-entry draft's biggest names—Baltimore outfielder Reggie Jackson and Cincinnati lefthander Don Gullett.

Board chairman M. Donald Grant was one of those critical of other teams for going to such expense for free agents. Tom Seaver, chairman of the board among Mets players, was critical of the club for not trying harder to strengthen itself.

Seaver had reason to complain, considering that his contract was tied to an attendance clause. The three-time Cy Young Award winner had to settle for a 14-11 record, largely because the Mets so poorly supported him.

Seaver was shut out five times, three of them by San Diego.

He shouldn't expect appreciably more help this year. Neither should Jerry Koosman, Jon Matlack nor Mickey Lolich, three other starters who give the Mets the best front-line lefthand pitching in the league.

Koosman (21-10 with a 2.70 ERA) was one of only





TOM SEAVER, left, 14-11 with 2.54 ERA took backseat in '76 to JERRY KOOSMAN, who won 21 games for Mets.

five 20-game winners in the NL, had three shutouts and should look forward to a big year after capturing 15 of his last 19 decisions in 1976.

Matlack (17-10) was 10th in ERA (2.95) and could become a 20-game winner for the first time this year.

Lolich, 36, was 8-13 in his first year in the National League and his retirement was feared. However, he returns as the No. 4 starter.

The fifth spot in this strong rotation, it's believed, will go to one of three righthanders—Craig Swan (6-9), Jackson Todd or Randy Tate. Todd (13-9) and Tate (7-14) were at Tidewater.

The Mets have to hope 30-year-old righthander Skip Lockwood, continues to prove he's for real. Lockwood, after a number of indistinguished seasons with Seattle, Milwaukee and the Angels, put it all together last season when he was 10-7 with 19 saves.

He is supported by Bob Apodaca (3-7, 5 saves), Rick Baldwin (0-0 with a 2.35 ERA), Nino Espinosa







HECTOR CRUZ, left, who hits with power, moves to Cardinal outfield in 1977 after rookie season at third base. PETE FALCONE, center, won 12 games in 1976 while JOHN DENNY, right, led the NL with 2.52 ERA and had 11-9 mark.

(4-4) and Bob Myrick, who might be the only left-hander in the bullpen.

Myrick, 24, was 1-1 in 21 games after coming up from Tidewater, where he was 2-0.

Thirty-four-year-old, injury-plagued catcher Jerry Grote (.272) had threatened to quit but may return. Otherwise, John Stearns (.262 with 2 homers) or Ron Hodges (.226 with 4 homers) will catch.

Oldsters Joe Torre (.306, 5 homers) and Ed Kranepool (.292, 10 homers) may divide time at first base and another veteran who has slowed up, 33-year-old Felix Millan (.282), is back at second. Bud Harrelson (.234) returns at short, at 32, and has been slowed by injuries. Roy Staiger, who hit .220 as a rookie, will be at third.

Kingman (.238 with 135 stikeouts) will play right and John Milner (.271, 15 homers, 78 RBI) probably will be in left, with Bruce Boisclair (.287, 2 homers) in center. Mike Vail, the late-season sensation of 1975, is recovered from 1976 injuries and will contest in the outfield with Pepe Manguel (.237), Lee Mazzilli (.195), Benny Ayala (.115) and Billy Baldwin (.273).

The Mets are longshots.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

The Cardinals have gone downhill the last two seasons and there seems little reason for Vern Rapp to expect he can turn things around.

His predecessor, Red Schoendienst (now a coach with Oakland) set a Cardinal record for longevity (12 seasons), won two pennants (1967-68) and one world title (1967) but couldn't keep pace with general manager Bing Devine's revolving door policy.

The Cardinals, third in 1974 and fourth in 1975, slipped to fifth last season. Now Rapp, long a minor league manager who was at Denver in 1976, takes over a team with much speed and hitting (the Cardi-

TED SIMMONS, Cardinals regular catcher, batted .291 last season, but his home run production dropped to five.



nals were fourth in team average and in slugging percentages).

However, St. Louis was eighth in pitching and tied for 10th in fielding, two areas that must improve if the Cardinals are to advance.

The Cardinals couldn't help themselves in the reentry draft but they did some significant juggling during the off season. First, they picked up right-hander Larry Dierker (13-14) in a trade that sent catcher-outfielder Joe Ferguson (.211, 4 homers) to Houston.

The acquisition of Dierker set it up for the Cards to trade righthander Lynn McGlothen (13-15) to San Francisco to get back third baseman Ken Reitz (.267, 5 homers, 66 RBI). Only a year before, St. Louis had swapped Reitz to the Giants for left-hander Pete Falcone, one of the National League's most promising prospects.

In still another exchange, the Cardinals took a gamble on shoring up their pitching when they traded veteran outfielder Willie Crawford (.304, 9 homers, 50 RBI) to the Giants for righthander John D'Acquisto (3-8), lefthand reliever Mike Caldwell (1-7) and catcher Dave Rader (.263).

The Cardinals prepped for 1977 with a number of

problems.

One is the durability of Lou Brock, the 37-yearold left fielder who is closing in on Ty Cobb's alltime major league record for stolen bases (892). Brock has 865 after swiping 56 last season.

He has batted over .300 (.301 last year) in six of his last seven seasons and the Cardinals can only

hope he'll remain healthy.

However, the Cardinals lack power (their 63 homers ranked last in the NL last season, though their big park is partly responsible) and they have problems in a number of areas.

As it stood in the spring, Ted Simmons (.291) will catch and try to recover from a five-year low for

homers (5) and a six-year low for RBI (75).

Keith Hernandez (.289, 7 homers, 46 RBI) should be better at first base after his first full season in the majors and things should improve at short for Gary Templeton (.291 with 11 stolen bases in 53 games as a rookie).

Mike Tyson (.286) played well at second base, de-

spite injuries, and should improve.

Reitz, slow of foot, is a steady fielder who ends Hector Cruz' one-year stay at third base. Cruz batted only .228 and his 26 errors were tops at the position in the NL, but he did contribute 13 homers and drove in 71 runs.

Brock will be in left for 100 to 135 games, it'll be Bake McBride or Jerry Mumphrey in center and

either Cruz or Mike Anderson in right.

McBride was hitting .335 last summer when he was felled by a knee injury that required surgery, idling him after 72 games.

He could be traded because Mumphrey, another swift, young lefthand hitter, came on to steal 22

bases and average .258 in 112 games.

Cruz, with his power, will battle in right field with

Anderson (.291 with one homer).

The Cardinals have Jerry Davanon (reacquired from Houston) and veteran Don Kessinger as back-ups in the infield, Rader and Ken Rudolph to spell Simmons and a reserve outfield that could include Tony Scott and/or Charlie Chant.

Dierker, Falcone (12-16), John Denny (11-9) and Bob Forsch (8-10) shape up as four of the Cardinals' starting pitchers. All except Falcone are right-

handers.

The Cardinals are betting on the come with D'Acquisto, 25, a hard-throwing righthander who couldn't overcome control problems with the Giants after recovering from arm surgery. Caldwell, also repaired by surgery, and righthander Harry Rasmussen (6-12) will get shots at starting jobs.

Lefthander Al Hrabosky (8-6 with 13 saves) hopes to regain his 1975 form (13-2, 22 saves) and leads a bullpen that probably will include righthander Steve Dunning (2-6 at Montreal), righthander Tom Walker (1-2, 3 saves) and righthander Roric Harri-

son (2-4 at Tulsa).

The Cards lack a proven righthand reliever, but that is only one of Rapp's concerns.

CHICAGO CUBS

The Cubs have a new manager, Herman Franks, and what he judges to be the best coaching staff in ebaseball (Alvin Dark, Peanuts Lowrey, Ernie Banks, Randy Hundley and Barney Schultz).

They also have a new look at two positions after trading centerfielder-first baseman Rick Monday (32 homers, 77 RBI) to the Dodgers to get a much-needed shortstop, Ivan DeJesus (.171 in 22 games) and left-hand hitting Bill Buckner (.301, 28 stolen bases). Buckner, a leftfielder by trade, probably will play first base.

The Cubs also have a new general manager, Bob Kennedy, the new front office boss who has promised to beef up the club's scouting staff and revive a farm system that hasn't spawned a pennant winner

since 1945.

Jim Marshall, belatedly fired as manager in November, finished sixth and last in the East after taking over as manager from Whitey Lockman during the 1974 season. Next year, the Cubs moved up to fifth and last year they finished fourth. To do so and wind up with a 75-87 record, Marshall's athletes had to play at a 44-39 clip the last half of the season. Only two clubs in the East, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, finished stronger.

The Cubs were coming, ever so slowly for a team that wound up 26 games out of the lead. However, Franks and his new coaches will need time to famil-

iarize themselves with the personnel.

More important, the front office was unable to strengthen the team in the re-entry draft and no one coming up out of the farm system appears likely to give the Wrigleys the boost they'll need to maintain the progress of the last two and a half years.

RAY BURRIS started to live up to potential last year winning 15, with 3.11 ERA.

STEVE SWISHER, center, caught 107 games for Cubs while batting a mere .236.

MANNY TRILLO, who tightens up Cubs infield at second, hit .239 with 59 RBI.









BOBBY MURCER, traded to Chicago Cubs, batted .259 for Giants in 1976, with 23 homers and 90 runs batted in.

The Cubs were sixth in hitting in the NL, fourth in homers (in cozy Wrigley Field) and fifth in fielding but their pitching (which finished 11th) needs an overhaul and they tied for last in stolen bases.

Late last season, the Cubs moved Monday to first base to make room in centerfield for wide-ranging Joe Wallis. The Cubs had hoped to get lefthander Doug Rau (16-12) from Los Angeles and couldn't, settling for Buckner and DeJesus.

A lefthand starter is something the Cubs need badly. They haven't had a good one since they traded Ken Holtzman to Oakland in 1972.

Buckner and DeJesus will join these holdovers: Steve Swisher (.235, 5 homers) as catcher, Manny Trillo (.239) at second, Jose Cardenal (.299, 8 homers, 23 stolen bases) in left, Wallis (.254) in center and Jerry Morales (.274, 16 homers, 67 RBI) in right.

Bill Madlock won his second straight NL batting title, the first to do so since Pete Rose (1968-69), and made only one more error than Rose (13 to 14), the NL's defensive leader at third. However, owner Phil Wrigley became incensed over Madlock's 1977 salary demands and traded him to the San Francisco Giants for slugging outfielder Bobby Murcer in a five player deal.

Cardenal also could depart following the December trade of a minor league infielder (Julio Gonzalez) to Houston for Greg Gross (.286), a lefthand batter who had a near .300 average in three seasons as Houston's rightfielder.

However, Gross has neither speed nor power (no homers as a big leaguer).

The Cubs' rookie crop numbers only two position players who might stick. Mike Sember, up from Wichita (.241) could help Dave Rosello (.242) and Mick Kelleher (.228 in 124 games) back up DeJesus at short. Jerry Tabb, a lefthand-hitting first baseman at Wichita (.289, 19 homers) might free Buckner for left field duty.

The Cubs lack pitching more than hitting though their staff has reason to be spooked by Wrigley Field, when the wind is blowing out. There, the Cubs lost 14-12 to the Dodgers last spring. There, they also lost 14-4 and 14-2 decisions to the Reds and 13-3 to the Mets. There also was that memorable day (April 17) when the Phils' Mike Schmidt hit four homers and drove in eight runs to help the Phils to an 18-16 victory. They had trailed, 12-1, after three innings.

Ray Burris (15-13), Rick Reuschel (14-12), Steve Renko (8-12) and Bill Bonham (9-13) return as starters and Bruce Sutter (6-3, 10 saves) developed late last season as top man in a bullpen that includes Ramon Hernandez (2-2, 3 saves) and Darold Knowles (5-7, 9 saves). Disappointing Mike Garman (2-4 with one save after being obtained from St. Louis) went to the Dodgers in the Monday swap.

Sore-armed lefthander Ken Frailing (1-2) could help if he recovers but the Cubs seem destined to slip back from fourth place.

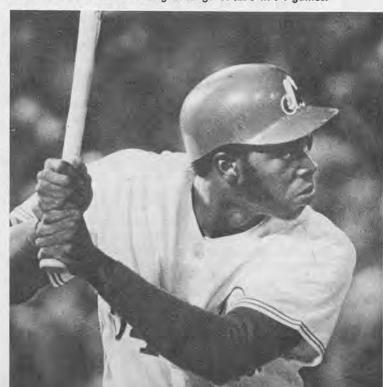
MONTREAL EXPOS

The Expos should be somewhat better and they have no way to but up after gaining the fewest victories in the majors last season (55).

Their eight-season low caused manager Karl Kuehl to lose his job last summer. Charlie Fox, the super scout who spelled him temporarily, has replaced Jim Fanning as general manager and has wheeled and dealed to such an extent that a trend in fan decline may be back on the upswing.

The Montreal attendance drop is expected to show a magic reversal if the Expos are able to solve a lease problem on the new stadium. If not, they'll open at Jarry Park.

ELLIS VALENTINE, Montreal outfielder, passed big league test last season with a batting average of .279 in 94 games.







TONY PEREZ, a tough clutch hitter and slugging first baseman, bolsters the Montreal attack this season. He and relief pitcher WILL McENANEY were acquired by Montreal from the champion Cincinnati Reds in an offseason swap.

Dick Williams, who won pennants with Boston and Oakland, was picked up as manager after his release by the California Angels last summer and the Expos have improved in the player field.

First, they signed Philadelphia's Dave Cash, a much-needed second baseman, in the re-entry draft and then they beefed up their power by obtaining veteran first baseman Tony Perez in a trade with Cincinnati.

The two moves opened up possibly one or two other spring trades, one of them specifically involving one of the club's two young catchers (Barry Foote or Gary Carter) as well as Mike Jorgensen, the first baseman-outfielder.

He didn't weaken Montreal's long-range future when he traded Woody Fryman, a 37-year-old left-hand starter, to Cincinnati for Perez. Fryman was 13-13 last season.

However, the Montreal bullpen lost its workhorse with Dale Murray, a 27-year-old righthander, also went to the Reds. Murray had only a 4-9 record but saved 13 victories and was in 81 games. He'll be extremely difficult to replace, considering that he had a hand in 17 of Montreal's 55 triumphs.

There is a question about the Montreal infield, defensively. Perez and Cash, who will man the right side, are better known for their bats than their gloves. So, to a certain extent, are shortstop Tim Foli and third baseman Larry Parrish, the latter guilty of 25 errors in 1976. That was only one under the top figure in the NL.

In the outfield, the Expos probably will have rookie Andre Dawson in left field, veteran Del Unser in center and sophomore Ellis Valentine in right.

Dawson, 22, is a righthander up from Denver, where he slugged 20 homers and averaged .350.

Unser, picked up last summer from the Mets, batted only .228 (with 4 homers) but had entered the year with a .264 lifetime mark.

Valentine, who bats right, averaged .279 with

seven homers and 14 stolen bases in his first real test as a big leaguer.

Barring one or more trades, the Expos will have Bombo Rivera (.276), Jerry White (.245) and perhaps Warren Cromartie (.210) or Sam Mejias (.143 with St. Louis) as outfield backups.

The club was last in the NL in hitting last year (.235). It was last in runs scored, sixth in homers (because of small Jarry Park), last in pitching, eighth in defense and eighth in stolen bases.

It's bench also was sub-par, although Jose Morales (.316 with 4 homers and 37 RBI in 158 at bats) set a major league record with 25 pinch hits.

Cash (.289 with 189 hits and 54 walks) should reach base more than any Montreal leadoff batter in history. Perez (.260 with 19 homers, 91 RBI) is 34 but he'll drive in important runs.

Foli (.264), Parrish (.232 with 11 homers), Foote (.234) and Carter (.219) all are young enough to improve.

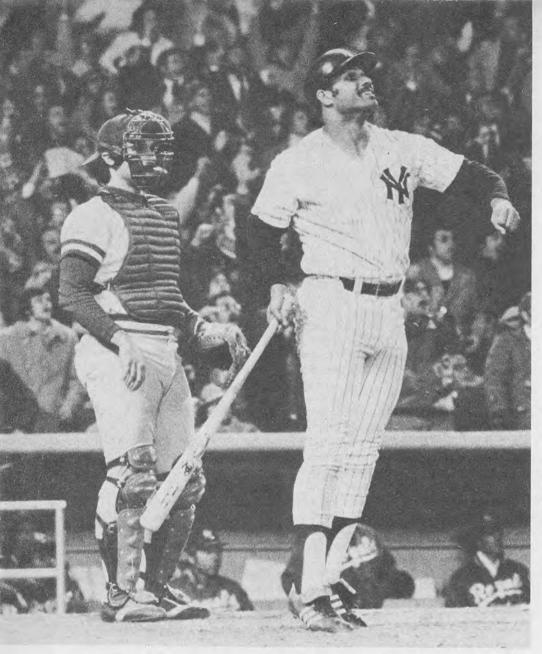
There are questions concerning the entire Montreal pitching staff.

Holdovers Don Stanhouse (9-12), Steve Rogers (7-17) and Don Carrithers (6-12) figure in 1977 plans as does Dennis Blair, a 22-year-old righthander who was 9-4 at Denver and 0-2 with the Expos. Lefthander Dan Warthen, 4-0 at Denver and 2-10 with the Expos, will get another shot.

Williams will want long looks at newcomers Joe Keener, Larry Landreth and Dave Gronlund. Keener, a 24-year-old righthander, was 14-4 at Denver and 0-1 with Montreal. Landreth, a 22-year-old righthander, was 13-9 with Denver and 1-2 with the Expos. Gronlund, a 22-year-old righthander, was 3-1 with Quebec and 10-3 with Denver.

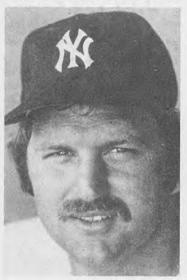
Bill Greif (1-5 with St. Louis) and Will McEnaney (2-6, 7 saves with Cincinnati) are newcomers to a questionable Montreal bullpen that could include Chip Lang (1-3), Joe Kerrigan (2-0 at Denver) and Don DeMola (0-1 at Denver).

The Expos are better, but not enough.



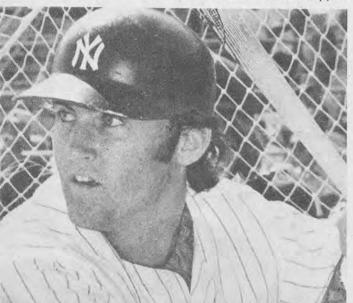
REGGIE JACKSON gives Yanks more slugging strength in '77.

THURMAN MUNSON, AL MVP in '76, led Yanks with 105 RBIs.



CHRIS CHAMBLISS watches flight of his ninth-inning homer which gave Yankees a 7-6 victory over the Royals and the American League pennant, 3 games to 2 in playoff.

GRAIG NETTLES, left, led American League in homers (32), most ever for Yankee third baseman. Leadoff man MICKEY RIVERS topped Yanks with .312 batting average.







DON GULLETT, ex-Reds lefty, bolsters Yankees pitching staff.



By Richard Dozer

Past President of baseball writers Association, Tribune Dozer, Chicago baseball writer picks the Yankees and Royals to win titles as predicted in '76.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

1976 AMERICAN LEAGUE FINAL

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LOADED YANKEES TO BOMB EAST FOES; ANGELS AND ROYALS BATTLE IN WEST

PREDICTIONS

EAST	WEST
1. New York	1. California
2. Boston	2. Kansas City
3. Cleveland	3. Texas
4. Baltimore	4. Minnesota
5. Detroit	5. Chicago
6. Milwaukee	6. Oakland
7. Toronto	7. Seattle

The American League underwent the biggest facelift in its history during the days that followed the close of the 1976 campaign. First it was the controversial re-entry draft of free agents in which 13 of their players found varying degrees of riches with new ball clubs.

Following this, the AL stocked Seattle and Toronto with brand new rosters in an expansion draft while the NL sat content with its 12-team league. Then in trades at the Winter Meetings in Los Angeles, the American league moved almost twice as many players as the National. And for a unique touch, the man who suffered most in the re-entry sweepstakes, Charles O. Finley, was able to get a player from the Pirates in exchange for Manager Chuck Tanner. Catcher Manny Sanguillen joined the A's, and nobody needed an experienced hand more than Finley.

It was a year Baseball won't forget-what with Finley seeking to sell three of his players to contending Eastern clubs, Boston and New York, only to be rebuffed by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, who voided the sales. Vida Blue thus did not join the Yankees; nor did Rollie Fingers and Joe Rudi go to the Red Sox. But in the end, only Blue remained. Fingers and Rudi were among six stars to desert Finley by playing out options. The A's were dropped quite likely to also-rans in '77, Finley brought suit to recover the money he lost in the voided sales, andwith some incongruity-the California Angels became the club that possibly bought a flag.

Gene Autry, feeling he owed a debt to the Orange County faithful, spent a reported \$4.5 million to get Bobby Grich, Don Baylor, and Rudi in the postseason bidding war. He may have built a division winner by doing so. His Angels finished 14 games out last year. This time they have the talent to win if Nolan Ryan and Frank Tanana are enough to anchor an otherwise untested pitching staff.

Kansas City, the defending champion which made it to the summit in its eighth season, quite likely will make it a two-team race in the West. Minnesota was knocking at the door in '76 but lost Bill Campbell, its best and busiest pitcher. Texas, dealing away Jeff Burroughs to get a bunch of players, and adding Bert Campaneris from the runaway Finley stable, should play .500 ball. The White Sox will be improved but not enough to challenge. Oakland, stripped of its stars, could fall as deep as sixth.

The Yankees were very much a party to the reentry procedure. They lost a fair pitcher in Doyle Alexander but outbid the rest to get one who should prove far better to their cause, Don Gullett. They also went big for Broadway Reggie Jackson, the highest paid hitter in history who never batted .300. Jackson is box office. He also stands for homers, run production, and quite likely a pennant.

There appear to be several improved teams in the increasingly-competitive East, where three teams might be winners if stationed in the West. But geography dooms Boston and Cleveland to second and third. Baltimore, raided in the re-entry exodus and showing age among those left behind, may slip to

fourth-perhaps even lower. It was the year of The Bird in Detroit, where

Mark Fidrych pitched his way onto the Tiger roster in the spring, brought soaring attendance along with 19 victories and the earned run championship. He made "no contest" out of the rookie-of-the-year derby, and if the sophomore jinx doesn't get him, the Tigers may make the .500 plateau on the heels of having been "most improved" last year.

Milwaukee sank most of its dollars into one free

agent, Sal Bando. But the Brewers seem too short on pitching to get out of sixth place, although it appeared obvious that they'd deal for a proven starter before the June 15 trade deadline. Both the Brewers in the East and the White Sox in the West had one assurance, however. They aren't going to finish last in this year of unilateral expansion. Reserve those spots for Toronto and Seattle.

Major individual achievements of the bicentennial season were George Brett's batting championship (.333 at age 23), Graig Nettles' 32 homers which won the league title and set a Yankee mark for third sackers, Lee May's 109 runs batted in, and the dazzling 19-9 mark of Fidrych.

In the game of managerial chairs, Jack McKeon and Bob Lemon return to AL jobs, McKeon to Oakland and Lemon to Chicago. Norm Sherry and Don Zimmer retain jobs they won in mid-season at California and Boston. Roy Hartsfield and Darrell Johnson get expansion helms at Toronto and Seattle, respectively. Johnson, too, is a returnee-out only a half season since the Red Sox dumped him.

East NEW YORK YANKEES

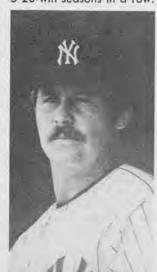
Add Reggie Jackson to an attack that already led its division in batting last season; add Don Gullett to a pitching staff that compiled the lowest earned run average in both divisions; add Ron Blomberg restored to health; add Jimmy Wynn and Paul Blair for reasons unknown. And you have a club so cluttered with talent that Billy Martin's toughest job this year likely will be to find work for his players.

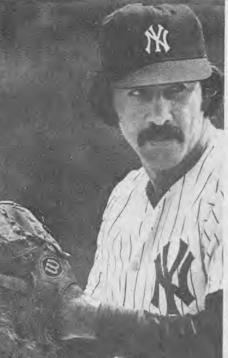
As for the championship, the race is over before it starts. On paper, there will be no beating the Yankees in 1977. Fortunately for the rest, however, they don't play the game on paper. It's done on the field, and well. . . . stranger things have happened.

A look at the Yankees' winter roster gave a firm indication that Gabe Paul would be obliged to make

> ED FIGUEROA posted 19 wins with a 3.01 ERA last

CATFISH HUNTER comes off a sub-par year after 5 20-win seasons in a row.





year, his first as a Yank.

some of his athletes available before the season got under way. The Yankees owned, for instance, no fewer than 10 outfielders with major league credentials, and if Gabe could come up with a way to carry more than seven of them, he would have had a brand new approach to the "system."

Jackson, richest of baseball's new millionaires. will take his .277 batting average into right fieldalso his 91 RBI and his 27 homers, all of which were part of a curtailed season of biding his time in Baltimore. With Mickey (.312) Rivers in center and dependable Roy White in left, where do you play the rest? Elliott Maddox, who underwent a knee operation, was traded for Blair, but that didn't change the numbers any. Then there's Blomberg, Wynn, Gene Locklear, Oscar Gamble, Lou Piniella, and Carlos May. Somewhere among these are some designated hitters, utility outfielders, or candidates either for sales to other clubs or outright releases.

A trade? Maybe. But the Yankees don't really need to trade for anyone. This is a lethal ball club, set at every position. If they could do anything it would be to improve their shortstop position, where Fred Stanley is adequate—but lost in a sea of superstars. Stanley batted .238 and was outfielded only by Cleveland's Frank Duffy.

Chris Chambliss had his best year as the Yankees' Rock of Gibralter at first base. He drove in 96 runs, second only to the club's MVP catcher Thurman Munson, who had 105. Graig Nettles knocked in 93, and with Reggie now among these, there's hardly anyplace for an opposing pitcher to hide. Munson batted .302, Chambliss .293, White .286, but Nettles only .254 with his 32 homers.

Willie Randolph, acquired a year earlier in a trade with Pittsburgh, appears to be the answer to whatever second base problems the Yankees had. Randolph batted .267 in his '76 debut, also stole 37 bases. And he won't be 23 until the season is half over. Veteran Cesar Tovar was the first of the fringe players to be released, thus leaving Sandy Alomar and Mickey Klutts as the fill-in players in the only area where Yankee depth appeared lacking.

In the receiving department, Munson is backed up by Fran Healy and Elrod Hendricks. But working behind Munson, an ironman who played 152 games, is hardly reassuring for anyone who fancies himself capable of more than a once-a-week player.

Trying to find a rookie with a chance of survival is another fruitless task. Ron Guidry, a left handed relief pitcher who got into seven Yankee games in '76, has a chance. But his task was to prove that he could take Sparky Lyle's job-either that or line up behind him. Lyle won seven and saved 23 but was less than sensational toward the end of last season. Dick Tidrow, a right hander, came on instead to be the relief ace, winning four and saving 24.

Martin has five blue ribbon starters, having lost one to the free agent sweepstakes. Doyle Alexander, who was 13-9, scarcely figures to be missed. In the same re-entry draft, the Yankees signed Cincinnati's southpaw ace, Gullett, who was only 11-3 last year but was idled considerably with arm trouble. A sound Gullett would give the Yankees one of history's more formidable staffs.









DWIGHT EVANS, RICK BURLESON, REGGIE CLEVELAND and BILL CAMPBELL, I-r, are the Red Sox mainstays.

The rest of Martin's rotation regulars stack up as Ed Figueroa (19-10), Dock Ellis (17-8), Catfish Hunter (17-15), and Ken Holtzman (14-11). Holtzman came in June from Baltimore, has a staggering multi-year contract, but couldn't get into a World Series game—so overloaded with talent are the Yankees.

Beyond these eight hurlers, there isn't anyone with major league experience on the Yankee staff. Even if Martin ultimately goes with only nine hurlers, he'll either have to get one in a deal or add somebody named Ken Clay, Doug Heinold, Bob Polinsky, or Ed Ricks from his Syracuse list of last season. No more than one of these, however. It's simply not a team that has to comb the rookie ranks.

BOSTON RED SOX

The road back to the top is going to be a tough one for the Boston Red Sox. They surely look improved over last year's shocking third place finish, and Fred Lynn's sophomore jinx—if that what it was—is now behind them. But even though being second best in the East this year might be like winning a title elsewhere, it's hard to envision the Bostonians closing enough ground on the Yankees.

It's possible that the Red Sox may be expecting too much from George Scott, who ended what he felt was a five-year "exile" in Milwaukee. Scott was reacquired in a trade that sent Cecil Cooper, a budding first base star, to the Brewers. Bernie Carbo, who hit a pair of World Series homers for the Red Sox in 1975, returned to Beantown in the same deal. But Scott, at 33, is five years older than Cooper, and it will be a surprise to some cynics if the "Boomer" will have statistics during the life of a new multiyear contract to match those of Cooper in Milwaukee.

Last season Scott slipped from 36 homers to only half as many. He batted .274. Cooper had 15 homers and hit .282. The Boston brass, needing punch now—not later—obviously gambled that a happy George Scott will be a more productive George Scott. The big fellow said he had nothing against the Brewers but added, "It wasn't much fun playing with a team you knew wouldn't win."

The addition of Scott wasn't the biggest thing

Dick O'Connell and his new aide John Claiborne accomplished, however. They'd been prevented from buying A's Joe Rudi and Rollie Fingers by executive (Bowie Kuhn) order last June. So they jumped into the free agent market with something well over \$1 million and signed Minnesota's Bill Campbell out of the re-entry draft. It was clear their goal was right handed relief.

And they came up with the very best. Campbell saved 20 and finished 68 for the Twins, appearing in three short of half their games!

Relievers' arms, of course, are unpredictable. But if Campbell is as good as he was during the bicentennial year, Boston can knock once again on the door to the title it won in '75. Campbell won 17 and lost only five, an astounding and timely blossoming for a hurler whose first three seasons left him with an aggregate 15-16.

So much for the additions.

The Red Sox need another year out of Lynn like the one he had as a rookie in '75, when he won every piece of hardware available, including rookie of the year and MVP. In that season he hit 21 homers and batted .331 with 105 RBI. Reduced to 132 games, partly due to a late wrist injury in '76, Fred batted a creditable .314 that suffered only through comparison of what he'd done before. His homers totaled only 10; his RBI 65.

The plan this year by Manager Don Zimmer was to boost Lynn to the number two spot in the order because Scott gives the Red Sox added power below. Part of Lynn's problems last year could be traced to early dissatisfaction with his contract, but now he's on a big one—multi-year, of course—and he's happy at \$125,000 as this year's reported installment.

Jim Rice, denied World Series participation the year before due to injury, batted .282 as a soph and hit 25 homers as the Boston power leader. With Dwight Evans (17 homers and .242) as the superbfielding right fielder, Carl Yastrzemski and Lynn complete a good outfield that had Rick Miller as back-up man. Rice figures as the DH most of the time, although Yaz, now 37, may start moving in that direction more. Yaz had his best year of the decade in run production, driving in 102 runs with 21 homers.

Butch Hobson came up from Pawtucket and es-



JIM KERN, 6-5 right-hander, is a key bullpen pitcher for the Indians, winning 10 and saving 15 games last year.

tablished himself as Boston's third baseman of the future with eight homers in less than half a season. Rico Petrocelli, at 33, appears to be a utility player if he stays. Rick Burleson (.291) has few equals at short, Denny Doyle (.250) is steady at second, while Steve Dillard and Doug Griffin contend for reserve status.

Luis Tiant, one of the biggest pitching "steals" of all-time, is the Boston starting staff. He was 21-12 with a 3.06 mark. Rick Wise was 14-11 and Fergie Jenkins 12-11, the latter recuperating from achilles heel surgery. Reggie Cleveland (10-9), who did a lot of relieving last year, can return to starting with Campbell on the scene. The Red Sox may need Reggie and more. Bob Stanley was 15-8 at Bristol at age 21. Jim Willoughby and Tom Murphy will back-up Campbell in the pen.

Carlton Fisk, usually battling injuries, almost played a full year in '76. He hit .255 with 17 homers. Bob Montgomery is in reserve, as is left handed hitting Andy Merchant.

CLEVELAND INDIANS

When you're in the same division that houses the New York Yankees, you have to be driven by a certain amount of desperation to keep pace with the free-spending, talent-rich divisional champions who plucked Don Gullett and Reggie Jackson from the free agent tree. Credit Cleveland with trying hard to keep pace.

It's probably a fruitless task, however, unless injuries strike the Yankees in more than one key position.

The Indians nailed Wayne Garland in the free agent draft, sinking their million dollars into the refinement of a pitching staff that will rank among the league's best. Garland, who may have gotten the biggest percentage salary raise in diamond history (he made barely \$20,000), gambled and won. He won big. The 26-year old right hander played out his option at Baltimore and won 20 games while he was about it. Only two AL hurlers won more. Garland's ERA was a fancy 2.67 as well.

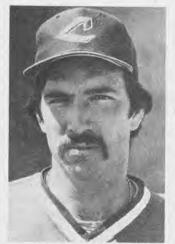
But the addition of the Oriole ace wasn't all

Cleveland's wily Phil Seghi did to improve his pitching staff. He spotted Al Fitzmorris on the Toronto roster after the veteran right hander was left unprotected (in the second round) by the Royals. Toronto needed catching, Seghi felt he had a surplus, and he dealt Alan Ashby to the Blue Jays. The Indians suddenly had Garland, the 31-year old Fitzmorris (15-11), Jim Bibby (13-7), Pat Dobson (16-12), and Dennis Eckersley (13-12) from whom to shape a pitching staff. It should be a good one because Rick Waits figures he can win a job, too, after a 7-9 sophomore year.

The Indians' bullpen is sound with Dave LaRoche and Jim Kern leading the left and right handed sides of it, respectively. Together they saved 36 games, Kern piling up 10 victories as well. Tom Buskey and Don Hood round out a fine pen, and the pitching picture makes it appear obvious that one of them will be dealt away to improve the department of punch—quite likely to a club in another division.

Seghi, an opportunist, regretted losing Rico Carty in the draft, so he did the best thing he could think of. He got him back for John Lowenstein and Rick Cerone. The Indians suffered a power loss last year despite climbing to third place for the first time since 1968. Their homers fell from 153 in '75 to only 85 as Charlie Spikes and Boog Powell were major disappointments.

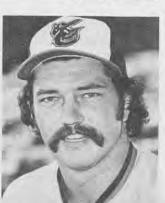
George Hendrick, who led the club with 25 homers, was traded away, but John Grubb brings a .284 batting average from San Diego in return, and Fred Kendall was part of the same deal, helping the Indians to re-stock themselves with catchers. They also added shortstop Hector Torres in the deal, but Seghi wasn't done. He knew Montreal was disen-



DAVE LAROCHE is Cleveland's ace lefty fireman who had 21 saves in '76.

WAYNE GARLAND moved from Orioles to Indians after 20 wins last year.

RICO CARTY doesn't need a glove, he helps the Indians as a slugging DH.





chanted with the year it got out of Andre Thornton, so he talked the Expos into taking Jackie Brown off his hands for Thornton.

The latter deal could prove a steal. Thornton, suffering hand injuries in each of the last two seasons, is a fine first baseman who will hit a good deal more than the .191 he gave the Expos in 69 games, and if Montreal Owner Charles Bronfman was losing patience with the deals his brass had made previously, wait until they have to answer for this one. Thornton hit 18 homers and batted .293 for the Cubs the year before. He likely will take over at first base for the Indians as Powell nears the end of the line.

Duane Kuiper (.263) is an acrobatic second baseman with the top AL fielding mark. Shortstop Frank Duffy also led at his position but batted .212, nearly 30 points under his career mark. Larvell Blanks plays either of the keystone spots and hits better (.280). Buddy Bell batted .281 and had his best season. Bill Melton was added to the roster, and he thought it was to take the DH role until Carty came back aboard. Carty led the club with 83 RBI and batted .310 with 13 homers. Melton's brief romance with the Angels ended with a .208 and only six homers.

Frank Robinson will be a bench manager this year unless there is a change in the game plan, and the Indians will lose his power potential as well. There doesn't appear to be much long ball ability among the outfielders. Grubb averages six a year, Spikes quit hitting for power two years ago, and Rick Manning is not a home run hitter although he is a gem in the middle of the outfield. Manning was another Golden Glove fielder and batted .292. He's only 22. Grubb batted .284; Spikes .237, and until Seghi makes another deal, that's his outfield.

Ray Fosse, who came back "home" and hit .301 last season, caught 85 games. Kendall caught a lot more at San Diego and hit .246. Ron Pruitt is the third man here and can play outfield, too.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES

No team east of Charlie Finley had its ranks as badly depleted since last season as the Baltimore Orioles. They lost three off their regular roster to the expansion draft, four more in the free agent raid, and traded away an eighth player, one-for-one.

When the New Year dawned, GM Hank Peters was without Wayne Garland, Reggie Jackson, Bobby Grich, Bob Bailor, Mike Willis, Dave Pagan, Royle Stillman, and Dave Duncan. Not long after that they tendered Mike Cuellar his release—apparently washed up nearing 40.

For all that talent, Baltimore got only Pat Kelly in return. Kelly came straight up for Duncan in a deal with the White Sox, a pretty good one where Oriole needs were concerned. Pat was underrated with the White Sox, largely due to his unspectacular defense. But he batted .254 with some clutch hits, and he stole 15 bases as a parttime employee. Kelly probably will play left in an outfield of Al Bumbry in center and Ken Singleton in right. Paul Blair, who batted only .197, was replaced by a younger man, Elliott



LEE MAY, Orioles' slugging first baseman, led AL in runs batted in with 109 and belted 25 homers last season.

AL BUMBRY, Baltimore's swift centerfielder who stole 42 bases last year, hopes to bounce back from .251 mark.



Maddox, in a trade with New York. A question physically, Maddox played only 18 games in '76. Andres Mora, only 21 played 73 games last year and may not be far away from bumping someone out of the regular outfield. Tom Shopay and the well-traveled Tommy Harper stood in reserve.

Brooks Robinson, who agreed to a mammouth pay cut, was kept on as a player-coach as his 40th birthday approached this season. Expansion clubs passed him up in the draft, and it appears now that the slick-fielding veteran will close his brilliant career where he started it. Brooks batted only .211 last year, and Doug DeCinces will be fulltime at third base this season unless Richard Dauer, the Orioles' top rookie infielder, turns up at that position. In such an event, DeCinces would move to second, where Grich left a major void. DeCinces hit .234 with 11 homers. Dauer, 24, batted .336 at Rochester, leading the International League's hitters.



JIM PALMER enjoyed another big year for Baltimore in '76, winning Cy Young Award for 22-13 record, 2.51 ERA.

Mark Belanger had his best year since 1969 at the plate, averaging .270 while fielding superbly again—barely behind Fred Stanley and Frank Duffy. Belanger at short and Lee May at first, will man the only truly settled infield berths. May led the league by driving in 109 runs. Jackson's 27 homers are gone, and May's 25 stamp him now as the 1977 power leader.

The exodus of players opened the door for some new major leaguers with the Orioles. While most of those who make it probably will be pitchers, Dauer and Kiko Garcia, another infielder, surely have good chances, too. Tony Muser and Terry Crowley, a pair of veteran utility players, find their chances enhanced, also.

Baltimore catching was cut to the bone with the trade of Duncan, but Rick Dempsey remains as the number one man, backed up by Dave Skaggs (.242 at Rochester). Dempsey, who came from the Yankees in June, hit a very light .213. Peters and Manager Earl Weaver had reason to believe they'd add another receiver, undoubtedly a veteran.

Jim Palmer, the three-time Cy Young winner, heads a thinned pitching staff, and Weaver shudders to think of what an injury to this right handed ace would mean to a club certain to tumble anyway. In truth, it could plunge his club perilously close to the basement. Palmer was 22-13 with a 2.51 ERA. Rudy May's 11-7 and Ross Grimsley's 8-7 qualify them as next in line, now that Garland is gone. But the staff is wide open to newcomers, and at least three of them are rated high enough to join the varsity.

Lefty Mike Flanagan was 6-1 at Rochester last season but was up more than half the season with the Orioles, winning three and dropping five. Scott McGregor, another southpaw, went 12-6 in triple-A, and Dennis Martinez, right handed, was 14-8. A glance at the rest of the staff indicates that there is room for at least two of these three with the big club this year—perhaps all of them.

Baltimore's bullpen has Dyar Miller, Tippy Martinez, and Fred Holdsworth as its best stoppers. The Orioles had only 23 saves last season, 17 of them by Tippy and Dyar. Holdsworth divided his time between Baltimore and Rochester and was 4-1 (and 2.03) in 16 Oriole games. With Cuellar, Pagan, and Garland gone, there will be an identity problem on the Oriole staff.

Weaver won't need a scorecard to see who he has available, of course. Neither will he encounter a problem trimming his staff to workable size. Earl may find it more difficult, in fact, finding somebody to add.

DETROIT TIGERS

As Ralph Houk puts it, "The most difficult days of rebuilding are behind us, and the fun days are ahead."

With the Detroit Tigers, there were a surprising number of "fun days" last season, even though Manager Houk couldn't get his club into the race. They unearthed their "rare bird," Mark Fidrych, who pitched before more than 900,000 fans in his 29 starts at home and on the road, going on to be landslide winner of Rookie of the Year honors.

Add to this the fact that the Tigers won 17 more games in 1976 than they did the year before, verifying the forecast of a year ago in this publication that while the Tigers wouldn't climb very high in the standings they nonetheless would show the most won-lost improvement in either AL division. They wound up fifth last year despite crippling injuries. This season they're ticketed for the same finish—but closer to .500 than their 74-87.

Fidrych, Detroit's free spirit, won 19 games and lost nine while manicuring his pitching mound, conversing with the baseball, sprinting toward teammates with post-game handshakes, and taking his characteristic curtain calls before adoring fans. As one newsman put it, "He does a great imitation of Max Patkin."

Fidrych wasn't even on the winter roster a year ago—but only because he hadn't been around long enough to require protection. The Tigers are trying to keep it low key, but they have another pitcher who fits the same description this spring—minus, of course, Fidrych's unique brand of showmanship. He's Dave Rozema, whose 12-4 season (1.57 ERA) led Montgomery to the Southern League flag last season. Rozema walked only 15 in 126 innings. Surely there's room on the Tiger pitching staff for anyone who shows much. Aside from Fidrych and relief stalwart John Hiller, the depth simply wasn't there last year.

Vern Ruhle, Dave Roberts, and Ray Bare handled the bulk of the remaining starts, once Joe Coleman was dealt to the Cubs. Roberts was 16-17 with a 4.00, and Houk called that a good year but envisions a







MARK "BIG BIRD" FIDRYCH displays pitching form which earned him Rookie of the Year honor pitching for Detroit.

better one after Dave's off-season knee operation. Bare was 7-8; Ruhle 9-12. Hiller, 12-8, saved 13, started once, and pitched a shutout. Rozema could crack this staff which drops off quickly to mediocrity after these.

Veteran catcher Bill Freehan was released over the winter, and the Tigers expect Milt May to handle the receiving job with the aid of Bruce Kimm and John Wockenfuss. May suffered a broken right ankle April 20 and did not play the rest of the season, thus delaying the early returns on the deal that brought him from Pittsburgh in December, 1975. Kimm, Wockenfuss, and Freehan shared '76 catching almost equally, and Freehan bowed out batting .270.

May wasn't the only vital injury. Willie Horton missed 39 days with inflamed foot ligaments, yet hit 14 homers, mostly as the DH. Shortstop Tom Veryzer missed the last six weeks with a sprained ankle; third baseman Aurelio Rodriguez the last month with another ankle injury. Even Ron Leflore, the club's best percentage hitter, sat out the final three weeks with a knee injury. Leflore batted .316 and stole 58 bases, the latter figure second best in the league.

Leflore anchors a good outfield in which Rusty Staub was the production leader with 96 RBI and 15 homers. Rusty batted .299 in his American League debut. Ben Oglivie, left handed, and Mickey Stanley, right, are platoon candidates again, but Steve Kemp, regarded as the best rostered rookie, may get an early indoctrination into the majors at 22. He shared time at double-A Montgomery (.289) and triple-A Evansville (.386) last season, totaling 19 homers and 81 RBI. The Tiger outfield numbers were thinned further by the release of Alex Johnson; the infield by the dismissal of Pedro Garcia.

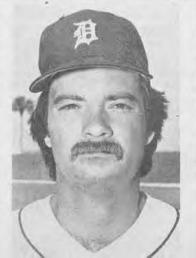
Luis Alvarado, acquired from St. Louis, adds another veteran to the less-than-sensational inner defense. Chuck Scrivener, Jerry Manuel, and Alvarado are in the running for second base, but GM Jim





DAVE ROBERTS, left, had 16-17 record for Tigers last year while RON LEFLORE batted .316 and stole 58 bases.

RAY BARE, left, rates as Detroit starter this season. RUSTY STAUB, who hit .299 with 96 RBI, is always a tough out.









BILL TRAVERS, left, compiled a 15-16 record and a 2.81 ERA while JIM SLATON was 14-15, with 3.44 ERA for Brewers.

Campbell kept seeking somebody more established. Mark Wagner, who filled in for Veryzer and batted .261, made it a two-way contest at short. Wagner batted .260 earlier at Evansville, Veryzer .234 with the Tigers.

Jason Thompson, another who emerged from the nonroster group, belted 17 homers while staking claim to first base over Dan Meyer, who was lost in the expansion draft later. Thompson hit only .218 but Houk likes his stroke, and at age 22, Jason is another of the maturing youths who the manager expects will make the season fun.

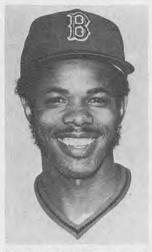
MILWAUKEE BREWERS

The Brewers spent the winter a bit short on pitching—the result of two hurlers lost in the expansion draft, another erstwhile ace (Jim Colborn) traded to Kansas City, and reliever Danny Frisella killed in an Arizona dune buggy accident.

But Manager Alex Grammas emerged from last year's predictable celler finish full of enthusiasm for his second year at the Brewer helm. He and his GM, Jim Baumer, took a plunge into the free agent market by landing Oakland slugger Sal Bando and also shook up the club with a couple of good-sized trades.

They got rid of George Scott by returning him to Boston, which sent Cecil Cooper in return, and they picked up Jamie Quirk and Jim Wohlford from the Western champion Royals for Colborn and catcher Darrell Porter. The loss of Porter left their catching to Charlie Moore, but Larry Haney was made available by the A's to shore up a depth problem there.

When the winter dealing was over, the Brewers were left with an abundance of infielders, outfielders, and designated hitters—a condition that some felt would prompt them to deal high one more time to get an established starting pitcher. Don Money (.267) seemed to be a player they could spare, but



CECIL COOPER socked 15 homers for Red Sox in '76 and now is a Brewer.

SAL BANDO, Oakland deserter, lends power to Milwaukee lineup at 3B.



not because he was in any disfavor. The Brewers simply had two all-star third basemen, and when they obtained Cooper from Boston, it stopped all the talk of shifting Money to first base.

Bando, lured by a multi-year contract, is now 33 years old, and the Brewers were gambling that he had a couple more good power years left. He hit 27 homers last season, and only twice previously had he hit more. Sal batted only .240, but after making him a sudden millionaire, the Brewers will leave him at third base as long as he can hold the job.

Robin Yount, Tim Johnson, and Cooper figure to round out the rest of the infield, left to right. Yount, coming into his own now, is only 21. He played every game last year and hit .252. Johnson finally hit





BILL SINGER, who twice won 20 games, is Blue Jay starter and one of few "name" players.

OTTO VELEZ had 49 games in New York Yankee outfield, hit .266, gets shot at Toronto job.

for average (.275) in his third shot at the second base job and should have the assignment to himself this year. Cooper batted .282 for the Red Sox, belting 15 homers, only three less than Scott. Cooper is five years younger as well.

Veterans Mike Hegan, Jack Heidemann, and Gary Sutherland are in reserve. Lenn Sakata, an infielder not listed on the roster, warrants a look and could break in before the season runs its course. He hit .280 at Spokane.

Quirk and Wohlford add a left and right handed hitter, respectively, to the growing number of outfielders. Sixto Lezcano, Von Joshua, and Gorman Thomas got more playing time than the rest in the '76 outfield. And with Bill Sharp tossed in among these, an interesting battle for garden survival should result. Lezcano's .285 was the Brewers' best batting average. Joshua hit a somewhat disappointing .267 on the heels of his .318 of the previous year at SF. Thomas hits homers and strikes out (.198), and Sharp, dependable in the field was .244 at the plate. Quirk, rangy and only 22, could fill the DH role, which is what he did in 19 games with Kansas City. He hit .246; Wohlford .249.

Dan Thomas smacked 29 homers in the Eastern League, where he was player of the year, but unless the Brewers' outfield crowd thins out, this Thomas could have a year of triple-A awaiting as his final test.

Pitchers Jim Slaton, Bill Travers, and Jerry Augustine rank as the Brewers' Big Three. But they're going to need more than this to climb from the East's second division. Travers was one of the league's finest, posting a 2.81 ERA with a 15-16 mark. Slaton was 14-15, and Augustine 9-12, figures better than they looked under the handicap of a 66-95 finish. Bill Castro and Eduardo Rodriguez will head the bullpen. They saved eight apiece last season.

With Colborn and the drafted Pete Broberg gone, things were opened wide for such youngsters as Barry Cort, Bryan Haas, and Sam Hinds, all of whom could better use another year in the high minors. These three range in age from 20 to 23. There can be no doubt that for the Brewers to move upward, a starting pitcher must be their number one priority in deals prior to the June 15 deadline.

Moore batted only .191 last season, but Milwaukee brass sees him coming closer to his .290 of the year before. Haney, who has been cashing those big postseason checks with Oakland, may finally get his chance to catch regularly. In '76 he batted .226 in 88 games.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

This is the new last place club in the American League East, and that ought to come as a source of relief for Milwaukee and Detroit, which finished in the depths the last two years and might have struggled to avoid the same this season if it hadn't been for expansion.

Toronto doesn't have that bad a club when you consider that no one let either the Blue Jays or the Seattle Mariners tap any of their top 15 players in the draft of last November. But pitching, of course, will prevent the AL's new Canadian entry from going anywhere. Bill Singer and Steve Hargan are the only "names" in the group, and both have seen better days.

Manager Roy Hartsfield, who finally is getting his chance under the big top, has assembled a nice blend of older players and unproven youngsters under the front office direction of Peter Bavasi. But if they win 60 games, the season will be a smashing success. They need to make some more trades, and they probably will, using perhaps a creditable collection of catchers as bait.

There are teams in either major league who would like to have the staff of receivers which the Blue Jays were harboring over the winter. They dealt for two of them before and during the winter meetings. Prior to this they already had a staff of three receivers: Phil Roof, purchased from Chicago; Ernie Whitt, drafted from Boston, and Dave Roberts, a converted infielder obtained from Hawaii, where Bavasi has friends.

When the Blue Jays were able to pluck slugger Rico Carty from Cleveland's unprotected list, they had some valuable merchandise. They made good use of it. The Indians, who had gambled that the aging Carty would be left untouched in the first round, guessed wrong. They wanted him back badly enough to deal Rick Cerone to Toronto, throwing in John Lowenstein. Cerone, 22, batted .254 for Toledo and may be no more than a year away from the Jays' number one backstop job. Alan Ashby, also obtained in a deal with Cleveland (for drafted Al Fitzmorris), probably will be the regular at the outset.

Lowenstein, who batted .205 in 93 games and hit 12 home runs as recently as 1975 (only two last year) probably will win an outfield berth on the basis of experience. Otto Velez, selected from the Yankees, hit .266 in 49 games last year for the league champions. Gary Woods, 23, figures as one of the front runners for another regular's job. Woods

batted .308 for Tucson with eight homers. John Scott, Sam Ewing, and Steve Bowling had 15 or 16 homers apiece in triple-A, Ewing batting a strong .351 to finish second in the Association batting race as a White Sox farm hand at Iowa. From these and Al Woods (.284, Tacoma) will come the outfielders and designated hitters to give Toronto its limited punch.

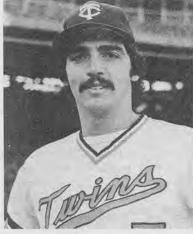
Doug Ault, snatched from the Texas roster, hit 25 homers at Sacramento and should win the first base job. Home runs in Sacramento are held in light regard, however, because of the "Little league" left field line in the converted football grounds that the Coast League abandoned this year. Ault batted a solid .313, however, and warrants a full shot. Doug Howard, who hit .308 at Toledo and played 39 games for Cleveland (.211) is another contender at first.

Jim Mason, a Yankee refugee, and Bob Bailor, taken from Baltimore, could be the keystone combo, although Steve Weathers, Steve Staggs, and Garth Iorg, who were taken from the Oakland, Kansas City, and Boston systems had high hopes of winning jobs. Dave Hilton, who had a shot with San Diego and hit .288 at Hawaii, rates high at third base, where Minnesota's Dave McKay also was in the running. McKay divided the year between Tacoma and Minnesota.

Singer, who has had back surgery, broken hands, rib and elbow operations, and hepatitis during his stormy career, was a 20-game winner in both major leagues. Last season he was 13-10 for two clubs (9-9)

JOHN LOWENSTEIN, left, DAVE McKAY and PHIL ROOF, below, are some of the veterans Toronto is counting on in its initial season as American League expansion club.







at Minnesota), pitching well at the end of the campaign. The fact that he worked 237 innings in 1976 indicates he should be a major part of the Toronto starting staff. Hargan, 8-8 for Texas, figures as another. The Jays grabbed two youngsters from the White Sox, and one of them, Pete Vuckovich had a 7-4 mark. Pete should be a starter. Dennis De Barr was 11-2 with 10 saves at Montgomery. Dave Lemanczyk, 4-6 at Detroit, can start or relieve. Persistent Chuck Hartenstein needs two months for his pension and gets a new chance after an 11-5 relief campaign at Hawaii. Mike Willis was 12-6 at Rochester; Tom Bruno 9-4 at Omaha.

West CALIFORNIA ANGELS

You have to wonder if the world is ready for the California Angels.

For a couple of years they have been exposing the rest of the league to a pair of pitchers generally regarded as among the best at their vocation, although one of them, to be sure, has been slowed down by arm trouble and the other is somewhat of a Johnnycome lately, not yet 24 years old.

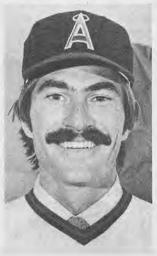
This dynamic duo, of course, is made up of veteran Nolan Ryan, the 100-mph right hander, and Frank Tanana, the young lefty who should be the big winner in baseball this season if he stays sound of arm start to finish.

With these two as the basis of all things good, few have questioned the skills of the California pitching corps, and when Paul Hartzell, a rookie of 22 last year, broke in with a 7-4 record in combined relief and starting roles, there was added reason for increasing optimism.

But nobody's paying much attention to the Angels' wings this spring. Instead, it's the rest of the club that got the advance notices. And for good reason. Gene Autry rode to the rescue with something more than \$4.5 million, and because he promised his long-suffering fans that he'd give them a winner he sank the whole bankroll into three superstars who made

JOE RUDI, left, and BOBBY GRICH became millionaires and Angels by playing out option year with former clubs.











FRANK TANANA, fireballing California southpaw, won 19 games, had a 2.44 ERA and fanned 261 hitters in 1976.

themselves available in the re-entry draft.

Getting Don Baylor, Bobby Grich, and Joe Rudi for sums of \$1 to \$2 million each thrust the Angels squarely into the favorites' role in the American League West. If this isn't the team to beat, despite its fourth place 76-86 of last year, then something has to go wrong with the pitching or in two other areas: (1) somebody important gets hurt, or (2) the newcomers aren't really so good in a new environment.

California pitching got only a little more than a half season of top performance out of Ryan, yet he ended up 17-18 last year and finished strong. Tanana was 19-10 with a 2.44 ERA that was third best in the league. Don Kirkwood and Gary Ross handled most of the remaining starts and although both had their moments, the drop-off in effectiveness is something Norm Sherry needs to correct. Together, Ross and Kirkwood were 14-28. Sid Monge (6-7) is a sophomore southpaw from whom improvement may be expected, too.

An erratic bullpen (only 17 saves) was a California headache last year, but Mike Overy, a fireballer up from Salt Lake, has a chance to turn that around. Mike, 26, was 9-5 with 10 triple-A saves and an ERA of 2.05. A more telling statistic, however, is his 99 strikeouts in 79 innings, then eight more in seven rounds of late season work with the Angels. Overv is right handed, as is veteran Dick Drago, who led the Angel staff with a mere six saves last year but won seven decisions. John Verhoeven divided time with Salt Lake but finished 13 games and saved three for the big club.

Along with the addition of Baltimore's Grich (.266 and 13 homers) and A's Don Baylor (.247 and 15) and Joe Rudi (.270 and 13), a major source of Angel content is the anticipated return of Bobby Bonds,

NOLAN RYAN, with wife RUTH, bask in record feats.

NOLAN RYAN

California Angels

- -Holds major league strikeout record for one season (383 in 1973)
- Three times struck out 19 batters in one game (1974)
- Fastball clocked at record 100.9 mph by Rockwell International, 1974

Pitched 4 No-Hitters

- -May 15, 1973 (vs. Kansas City) -July 15, 1973 (vs. Detroit) -Sept. 28, 1974 (vs. Minnesota)
- -June 1, 1975 (vs. Baltimore)







PAUL HARTZELL, 6-5 right-hander, had fine season as Angel rookie last year, working as starter and reliever.

who played in only 99 games due to a hand fracture in 1976. Bonds nevertheless hit 10 homers and stole 30 bases. This year he figures for perhaps 10 more of each if he remains healthy.

A batting order featuring Grich, Bonds, Rudi, and Baylor bracketed somewhere in the upper part of the lineup card with speedster Jerry Remy (34 thefts) ahead of them spells trouble for opposing pitchers. Grich was expected to play shortstop, a position he'd handled before Baltimore moved him to second. Dave Chalk will shift to third—even as Bill Melton was moved right out of the picture. (Melton's one-year honeymoon with the Angels ended in a sale to Cleveland) Baylor and Tony Solaita will play first; also share the DH role.

In the outfield, there's room for someone alongside Rudi and Bonds. Mike Easler, who led the American Association with a .352 average at Tulsa, will get a shot at it. He belted 26 homers. Otherwise look for Bruce Bochte, Dan Briggs, or Rusty Torres to take a turn.

During the winter there were seven catchers on the Angel roster at one time. One was a veteran, Andy Etchebarren, who likely will back up Terry Humphrey (.245). Danny Goodwin, a top draft choice, probably needs another year, and Tom Donohue, who hit .326 at El Paso, was the longshot. The Angels aren't looking for hitting from their receivers as much as they want catchers to get the most out of their hurlers. Continued success of their battery is the California key.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS

It took the Royals only eight seasons to win a pennant, and Whitey Herzog has no intention of waiting even that long to do it again. He has the talent to repeat, and therefore has to be the man to beat in the American League West. Oakland, which was Kansas City's chief antagonist last season, cannot seriously be ranked as a challenger this year. But the Califor-

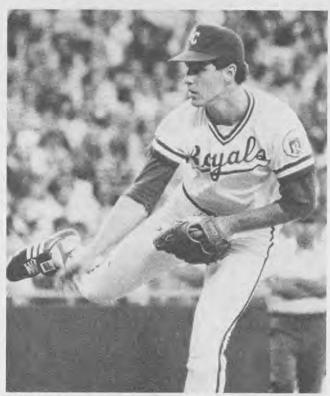


GEORGE BRETT, above, and HAL McRAE finished 1-2 in the AL batting race, only a point apart, in leading the Kansas City Royals to the AL Western Division title.



nia Angels can, and from here it appears to be a two-club race.

Herzog presented a lineup that featured the top two percentage hitters in the league, George Brett and Hal McRae. Defensively, the Royals were exceptional down the middle with a keystone tandem of Freddie Patek and Frank White and an excellent



MARK LITTELL emerged as ace of Kansas City bullpen in first full season last year, winning eight and saving 16.

center fielder, Amos Otis. The pitching, though good on paper, endured a lot of physical problems, leaving some to feel that Herzog should have been manager of the year. At one stretch, three starters were sidelined at once.

After losing to the Yankees in the championship series, the Royals did not remain complacent. They suffered the same fringe losses everyone else experienced in the expansion draft but didn't sit still in repairing the holes.

Pitcher Al Fitzmorris was sacrificed in the draft, but a trade with Milwaukee brought Jim Colborn; also catcher Darrell Porter at cost of Jamie Quirk and Jim Wohlford. Colborn should feel right at home with the Royals. He has had a history of injuries, most of them concentrated in the knees. Last year he was 9-15 with the cellar Brewers. Catcher Porter batted only .208, but he usually hits better—and with power.

Other additions to the Royal product were concentrated in the utility ranks. Bob Heise, obtained from Boston, can play short or second. Pete LaCock, part of a three-cornered deal, came from the Cubs and plays outfield and first base. LaCock, the designated hitter-type, needed the American League to best display his talents. He had eight homers in sporadic use by the Cubs.

As for the regulars, you won't find many teams to match the everyday Royal lineup. Brett won the batting title from McRae on the last day of the season, winding up with .333 to McRae's .332. Brett, a fine third baseman, led the league in total hits. McRae can play left field when LaCock is the DH, if Herzog wants to do it that way.

Al Cowens is a "must" outfielder and will function in right. He batted .265 in 152 games last year and in Herzog's words, "is just reaching his potential." Otis (.279 and 18 homers) patrols center. Tom Poquette, a .302 hitter in 104 games, will be hard to keep out of the lineup, and Joe Zdeb, may find it hard to stick despite a fine year (.297) at Omaha.

John Mayberry went almost two months without hitting a home run in last year's stretch, but Herzog prefers to label that a freak occurrence. The big first baseman, who smashed 34 of them the previous year, should be in his prime at age 27. Mayberry still managed to knock in 95 runs while slumping to .232. Patek batted .241 and stole 51 bases. White hit .229 and stole 20. Even Brett contributed 21 thefts. Dave Nelson and Cookie Rojas add infield utility strength.

The man being watched more closely than any other is perhaps Steve Busby, who worked hard all winter in a recovery program following surgery for a torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder last July. Busby was 3-3 and Herzog realistically looks upon him as something extra. He simply is not counting upon the veteran who totaled 40 victories the two previous seasons.

He is, however, counting upon Dennis Leonard. Doug Bird, Colborn, Marty Pattin, Paul Splittorff, Andy Hassler, and Lary Gura. From these, he says. will come his five man starting rotation. Hassler and Gura were additions to the staff after the start of the season in '76, and they won some important decisions. Bird, a converted reliever, was 12-10, Leonard was the staff's big winner at 17-10, and Splittorff was 11-8. Pattin, used partly in relief, was 8-14 with five saves. Steve Mingori and Mark Littell were the backbone of the bullpen, Littell winning eight and saving 16 as the ace fireman. Mingori won five and saved 10. Herzog said he might go with nine pitchers, and he should know how to do it. He got by with fewer than that at times last year, through no fault of his own.

Buck Martinez caught 94 games in '76 and made only four errors, thus leading the AL catchers defen-

FRED PATEK, mighty mite Royals' shortstop who stole 51 bases in 66 attempts last year, returns safely to first.



sively. But the Royals want more punch than his .228 batting mark, and Porter is expected to be the number one man behind the plate. John Wathan, up from Omaha part of last season, has the edge as number three receiver.

TEXAS RANGERS

A tie for fourth in the West didn't set well with Board Chairman Brad Corbett and his general manager, Danny O'Brien, so the Texas Rangers set out boldly to cure a tumble that began after a second place finish in 1974. In '75 it was third; last year 76-86 to share fourth with the Angels.

So the brass looked around for their best hunk of trade bait and came up with Jeff Burroughs, whom they finally dealt to Atlanta after deals with others came up short. For Burroughs, their erstwhile slugging star who just turned 26, they harvested five play rs, most of whom figure to be part of the '77 varsity product.

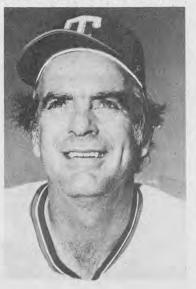
Outfielders Ken Henderson and Dave May plus pitchers Carl Morton, Roger Moret, and Adrian Devine came in the Braves' package. Henderson, a dependable outfielder, has right field to himself from the start. Ken batted .262 with 13 home runs last year and comes with outstanding defensive ability. May figures as utility at best, and two of the pitchers, Moret and Morton, are candidates for comebacks. Devine adds depth to a weak relief staff.

But their big deal didn't represent everything done to bolster the Rangers. They went into the free agent market and came out with Bert Campaneris and Doyle Alexander. While neither was among the most highly-sought, Campy will enable Frank Lucchesi to do something with an infield that wasn't arranged to suit him last year. And Alexander, while not sensational, was a proven Yankee starter—good enough to open the World Series.

Campaneris will make it an easy task to send Toby Harrah to third base, where the Rangers

MIKE HARGROVE, left, isn't at first base for Texas because of his glove. GAYLORD PERRY won 15 last year.







BERT CAMPANERIS, new addition to the Texas Rangers at shortstop, had 18 sacrifice hits for Oakland in 1976.

wanted him all along. Furthermore, it will give them the best possible helpmate for rookie Bump Wills, who is expected to make the transition from Sacramento to Texas this year and take over second base. Wills batted .324 for the Solons, had 25 homers, switch-hits, and makes the double play well. He's short and husky, more of a power package but less speedy than his daddy, Maury Wills.

Mike Hargrove remains at first base, and under better defensive surroundings it is hoped that he will cut down on his 21 errors, league high at that position last year. Mike hit .287. Roy Howell, only 23, likely will do most of the DH work now that he is relieved of third base duties.

The untimely death of Danny Thompson in December cut into the infield reserve strength, leaving Howell, Jim Fregosi, and rookie Gary Gray in the winter utility picture. Gene Clines, who batted .276 in 116 games, and Lenny Randle, who played more but hit less (.224) will have to show a lot to get as much playing time in an outfield that appears set. Randle, last year's second sacker, is listed as an outfielder.

Tom Grieve, a .255 hitter with power (20 homers) holds forth in left, and Juan Beniquez, a speedster with a .255 plate mark, are earmarked for left and center alongside Henderson. Joe Lahoud and Dave Moates played some last year, but both bat left handed, and there may be room only for one of them in '77 with the addition of Henderson, another switch-hitter.

Four starting pitchers seemed assured of jobs at the outset: Alexander, Bert Blyleven, Gaylord Perry, and Jim Umbarger. If Len Barker, a rookie flame-thrower, can make it at age 21, he could be the fifth regular. But Barker, whose fast ball was clocked at 96-per last season at Sacramento, probably needs a few more months' seasoning. The Rangers can afford to give it to him because they have a surplus of starting moundsmen, including veteran Nelson Briles, Morton, and 21-year old Tom Boggs, the latter a youngster everyone wants despite his 1-7 debut in 13 Texas games last season.

Blyleven was 13-16 but had a 2.76 earned run average after coming from the Twins in June. He was 9-11 for the Rangers. Alexander was 13-9 for the Yankees, Umbarger 10-11 as a Texas sophomore, Briles 11-9, and the astounding Perry 15-14 in a season that ended just after he turned 38. Moret, who has a 41-18 AL record, was only 3-5 at Atlanta; Morton 4-9. Barker may be converted to relief, a task which otherwise falls to Steve Foucault, Mike Bacsik, Devine, and another newcomer, Mike Wallace.

Jim Sundberg heads the catching staff, with Bill Fahey and John Ellis probably backing him up. Ellis suffered a broken leg and dislocated ankle last year, and if he's sound his bat rates some DH duty. Sundberg, who caught 140 games and was the AL's leading defensive receiver, batted only .228, however.

MINNESOTA TWINS

There is understandable optimism in the camp of the Twins. They finished stronger last season than any club in their division, wound up only five laps out of first place in the West, and looked proudly on the achievement because it was done after a trade that some thought would tear the club apart.

Minnesota started putting it together after dealing Bert Blyleven, their mound ace, to Texas as part of a multi-player deal that brought them Roy Smalley, Mike Cubbage, and a pitcher they see as a future star, Jim Gideon. But while that deal was part of a plan that made owner Cal Griffith look like a genius, the loss of another outstanding hurler at season's end definitely was not.

Bill Campbell played out his option and was lost to the Boston Red Sox in the re-entry draft. And this was a blow which probably will deny the Twins a chance of remaining in the contending role which they began to play late in '76. Consider this: Campbell won 17, lost only five, and saved 20, thus winning the fireman's championship. And he finished 68 games, more than anyone in baseball!

Minnesota's starting staff, though not impressive, wasn't hit particularly hard in either of the post season drafts. It lost only Bill Singer, who was 9-9 after coming from Texas in the Blyleven deal. This leaves

Dave Goltz (14-14), Pete Redfern (8-8), and Jim Hughes (9-14) as the slim nucleus of a rotation that had been so dependent on its bullpen. Tom Burgmeier, the long man, was 8-1 in relief but saved only one. He likely will inherit Campbell's stopper responsibilities. Tom Johnson, Steve Luebber, and Vic Albury worked all or mostly in relief, too, but it appears at least one of these will have to try starting. Mike Pazik was 14-5 as a Tacoma starter, and Gideon was 5-9 in triple-A.

The Twins' major plus last season was the emergence of Butch Wynegar as a varsity catcher at the tender age of 20. Now he's 21, with a .260 campaign behind him; also 10 homers, and the responsibility of catching 137 games. Only one AL receiver caught more, Jim Sundberg. Wynegar made Glenn Borgmann expendable at 26. Borgmann, the regular for two years, played in only 24 games. Mark Fidrych,

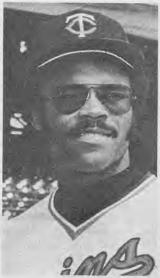




TOM BURGMEIER, left, is Minnesota's long reliever. ROD CAREW, batted .331 last year while playing firstbase.

STEVE BRYE, left, hit .264 in 87 games for Twins in '76 and DAN FORD (20 homers) moved into a regular outfield job.





Detroit's "Bird," kept Wynegar from being rookie of

The Twins are well-stocked in hitters, led by their perennial contender for batting honors, Rod Carew. The veteran infielder batted .331 last year, two points behind the leader (George Brett) and third in the league. Carew still is only 31 years old, and last year he hit nine homers while knocking in 90 runs. Only one among the Twins topped the latter figure, Larry Hisle driving in 96 with a .272 average. Dan Ford, an outfield regular, knocked in 86 and batted .267. Lyman Bostock was prevented from keeping pace in run production by an assortment of ailments that limited him to 128 games. But Bostock hit .323 anyway, giving Minnesota-like Kansas City-two of the league's top four batters.

Tacoma sent the Twins a pair of excellent hitters this year in Bob Gorinski, who had 110 RBI and 28 homers, and Willie Norwood, who hit for a higher average but less power. Norwood batted .303; Gorinski .285. One should stick because the Twins dropped Steve Braun into the expansion draft. They

still have Steve Brye.

Another loss was Eric Soderholm, who went to the White Sox in the latter club's sweeping harvest of fringe free agents. The Twins had learned to live without Eric last year, however. He spent the entire season on the disabled list. Cubbage did most of the third-basing and hit .257, Smalley wound up batting a surprising .259 as the number one shortstop. Carew played mostly at first and figures to stay there. Bobby Randall has become the second baseman and batted .267 in his first full year.

The Twins are deep in utility players with Craig Kusick, Luis Gomez, and Jerry Terrell as infielders. Tony Oliva has become a coach, but if a shortage of DH candidates developes, some feel the veteran will return along the way. Randy Bass, up from Tacoma, where he added 21 homers to that Coast League wrecking crew, was expected to get a chance at the DH job, but Manager Gene Mauch doesn't want a 23-year old hitter with Bass' potential playing sporadically in the majors at the expense of quicker development in the minors.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Nobody signed more free agents than the White Sox last winter. Hard-working Roland Hemond, armed with a lot of enthusiasm and the proper approach to the re-entry process, signed four players from the great November sweepstakes. But this hardly scared White Sox opponents because none of his acquisitions cost anymore than \$50,000 in wages, and the lot of them didn't set economy-minded Bill Veeck back as much as \$150,000.

The Chicagoans got Tim Nordbrook, Steve Stone, Eric Soderholm, and Royle Stillman, who may not be household words but figured as good investments nonetheless. Hemond expected every one of them to make the ball club-or at least those who survived the interleague trading period of Feb. 15 to March 15. Soderholm and Nordbrook gave the Sox a surplus of infielders, shifting the market away from pitchers.



RICKIE ZISK, slugging outfielder, was obtained from the Pirates to make White Sox scoreboard explode more often.

Chicago was never a factor in last year's Western Division race even though the club had a couple of weeks of high optimism early when it won 10 games in a row. In retrospect, it's hard to imagine a team winning that many in succession, yet winding up with only 64 victories. But that's what happened in the worst Sox season in the last six years.

Things will be at least slightly better this year. Veeck made certain Hemond got him a right handed power hitter, although some feel he gave away too much to secure Pittsburgh's Richie Zisk. Rich Gossage and Terry Forster, the onetime baby bullpen twins who slipped as starting pitchers, were sacrificed for Zisk and Silvio Martinez, a 22-year old pitcher not quite ready for the majors.

Zisk, 28, hit .289 with 21 homers for the Pirates and feels he will do that or better while helping trigger the frequently-silent exploding scoreboard in Comiskey Park. More important, Zisk is a run-producer. He knocked in 89 last season, 100 two years earlier. No White Sox right handed hitter had over five homers in '76.

With Zisk joining the Chicago outfield, the club is overpopulated out there. But the few defensive standouts among the gardeners don't hit enough to win jobs, and an outfield of Zisk, Chet Lemon, and Ralph Garr does not figure to win any golden gloves. If Bob Coluccio or Nyls Nyman could make it, the defense would sharpen. But they likely are headed

for the bench-if not the minors again.

The fact that more than one of Manager Bob Lemon's fielders are caught between the outfield and infield makes for increased maneuverability. But it can complicate the decision-making process, too. Alan Bannister ranks second or third among shortstops but has to play somewhere because of his base running ability and promise as a hitter. Jorge Orta, who flopped as a third baseman and left fielder, may wind up at second base once again. That's where Orta is happiest and best could improve on last year's disappointing .274 batting average. Orta hit 14



WILBUR WOOD, 35-year-old veteran, hopes to rebound after broken kneecap sidelined him most of last season.

home runs and figures to be even more productive with Zisk batting behind him in the order.

Bucky Dent, the shortstop fixture, slipped to .246 at the plate in '76, and the Sox were listening to offers for him. They weren't good enough during the Winter Meetings, however. Thus Bannister and Nordbrook will be denied playing the position each likes the best—until, if ever, Dent moves on as part of a major deal.

Kevin Bell has been pronounced ready to take over the third base assignment. He served there during the second half of the '76 campaign although a sore arm had him on the bench a good deal. Bell batted .248 with five homers in 68 games. He won't be 22 until mid-season. Soderholm, idled all year at Minnesota with knee surgery, has right handed power, too, and is seen as insurance behind Bell. He batted .286 in 1975.

First base is no more settled than it was last year when Jim Spencer played most of the time with a superior glove and clutch hits (14 homers), all of which cut down on Lamar Johnson's playing time. Lamar batted .320. He took off 15 pounds in winter ball and probably will DH when not in the field.

Rookie Chris Knapp, who won 17 games and lost only six with three clubs (3-1 at Chicago) will give the starting staff a boost. Hopefully, so will Wilbur Wood, who missed most of the year with a fractured





BUCKY DENT, left, handles shortstop capably for the White Sox and DAVE HAMILTON is among best relievers.

kneecap. Ken Brett (10-12), Bart Johnson (9-16), Francisco Barrios (5-9) will be joined by Stone and Ken Kravec as remaining rotation candidates. Dave Hamilton and Clay Carroll head the bullpen.

Dave Duncan was added to the catching corps (for Pat Kelly), and Brian Downing could go to the outfield on days more right handed punch is required. Downing batted .256; Jim Essian .246 while sharing the receiving. Duncan has averaged barely over .200 for two years.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Charlie Finley said he was considering reactivating Red Schoendienst to play on his infield.

Actually, he had given Schoendienst a new life in the major leagues anyway. The affable redhead was one of Charlie's coaches as the Oakland A's—under Jack McKeon—sought to pick up the pieces in the wake of the great rape of 1976. Finley, the maverick, had stood up to his players and lost. Six of them played out their options, and the '77 A's were scarcely recognizable as the mighty men of the West who won five consecutive divisional championship and three world's titles.

Gone are Joe Rudi, Gene Tenace, Rollie Fingers, Don Baylor, Bert Campaneris, and Sal Bando—even as Reggie Jackson, Ken Holtzman, and Catfish Hunter had departed before them.

Left behind was a skeleton squad at best. Finley, who spent a good part of the winter trying to win a lawsuit against the commissioner of baseball, said as February brought a new trading season into view, "I've got to make a few trades. I'm not a contender anymore."

He thought of signing Dick Allen. He pondered the wisdom of taking on such other old timers as Nate Colbert, Willie McCovey—indeed any of many with whom he had crossed paths. But when it came down to putting a product on the field, he was left only with a few "names" from his better days at Oakland—Billy North, Claudell Washington, Phil Garner, Paul Lindblad, Vida Blue. This was his nucleus, and it wasn't all bad. It was simply too thin.



VIDA BLUE, one of few "names" left on once great Athletics team, had 18 wins and struck out 166 last year.

MIKE TORREZ aided A's mound rotation with 16 victories. CLAUDELL WASHINGTON batted .257 and stole 37 bases.





With Blue and Mike Torrez, two of the league's best pitchers, the A's at least had the basics of a good mound rotation. Blue won 18, Torrez 16, and they were two of the top four pitchers in the league, where earned runs are concerned. Blue, second only to Mark Fidrych, was 2.35. Torrez, fourth, was 2.50. Then, however, the big dropoff began. Mike Norris and Paul Mitchell appeared to be Finley's chief hopes to turn the mound staff into one to match last year's. Norris was 4-5, but the youngster still was trying to shake loose from the injury hangover that shelved him the year before. Mitchell, who came from Baltimore, was 9-7 and surely promising.

Stan Bahnsen would seem the logical number five man on this staff, which really was hurt only by the loss of reliever Fingers. But Finley, who does most of the talking for his ball club, said veteran Bahnsen has a chance to be the new Fingers. Last year, Stan started 14 times, relieved in 21, but saved none. He was 8.7

Tom Bradley, given a chance to come back after three years of physical problems, could crack the staff. But he's a longshot after going 5-9 at Tucson. Jim Todd is the relief type, but Finley said, "We may have to start him." Todd was 7-8 with four saves. He didn't start a game. Lindblad (6-5 with five saves) looms as the king of the pen, with Fingers' 13 wins and 20 saves gone forever.

The A's could have a decent infield, especially if Robert Picciolo emerges as the shortstop some feel he will. Only two years in baseball, Picciolo wasn't on the roster for spring training but figured to make the club after hitting .277 at Birmingham in '75 and .298 at Tucson in '76. He'll team at the keystone with Garner, suddenly a veteran after only two years upstairs. Garner batted .261 and knocked in 74 runs.

Veterans Ken McMullen and Ron Fairly, the latter picked up in time of need last year, probably will play the corners of the infield. Fairly, the first baseman, batted .264 in 73 games with St. Louis, .239 at the tailend with the A's. McMullen, steady but 34 years old, hit .220 in 98 games last year. Rookie Wayne Gross will get a look he otherwise may not have won except for the exodus of Finley's stars. Gross, a third baseman, hit .324 at Tucson. Tommy Sandt and Larry Lintz, the latter one of Finley's runners, rate utility spots, and Tommy Helms, 35, may get a rebirth after batting .276 in parttime use at Pittsburgh.

Another ex-Pirate figures more prominently in Oakland's plans. He is Manny Sanguillen, who had the distinction of being traded for a manager (Chuck Tanner). Sanguillen, a .290 hitter, will do most of the catching, backed up by Jeff Newman or Tim Hosley.

With Billy Williams released and Rudi and Baylor gone, North and Washington are the only locks in the outfield. North hit .276 and led the league in base thefts with 75. Washington batted .257. Dennis Walling (.257 at Chattanooga) gets a chance, Matt Alexander is in the picture as a runner, and Finley will look for a free agent to fatten his slim outfield list.

SEATTLE MARINERS

An expansion year invariably makes it easy to select the last place team, and the Seattle Mariners will have that spot all to themselves in the American League West. This in no way means that the Mariners have done a bad job in assembling a club with which to make their debut. Lou Gorman's staff, with the aid of Manager Darrell Johnson, went big for speed and have a decent blend of youth and experience.

"We came out of the draft far better than we expected," said Johnson. "I'm pleased with our pitching, and we have some people who can flat fly."

Johnson said he wasn't foolish enough to predict a pennant but promised "exciting and fundamental baseball."

The Mariners made sure to fortify themselves with numbers in the pitching department, establishing a 20-man staff through the draft or by the signing of players otherwise made available. But one of their prime draftees was sacrificed for infield help during the winter meetings when they gave up

Grant Jackson in an interleague trade with the Pirates. Jackson, who was one of the Yankees' relief aces, brought Craig Reynolds and Jimmy Sexton, a potential keystone combo. Reynolds batted .290 for Charleston; Sexton .273 at Charleston and .324 at Shreveport. Sexton led the Texas league in base thefts with 48 a year earlier.



DARRELL JOHNSON, Mariners' manager, will field good team.

STEVE BARR, who was 2-6 at Texas, gets new start at Seattle.







STEVE BRAUN and LEE STANTON rank high but they will have to battle five others for spots in Seattle outfield.

PETE BROBERG hopes for fresh start on mound and CRAIG REYNOLDS, infield prospect, gets big chance.





There's more speed on the infield, Julio Cruz having stolen 83 bases in three stops last season in the Angels' system. Jose Baez, purchased from the Dodgers, batted .309 for Albuquerque and will heighten the second base competition. Detroit's Dan Meyers (.252 in 105 games) and Chicago's Bill Stein (.268 in 117) could wind up at first and third, respectively. And if the Mariner plan is to retain some of the experience it drafted, Joe Lis and Kurt Bevacqua could be factors. Lis hit 30 homers for Toledo; Bevacqua a dozen for Spokane.

Ruppert Jones, a 21-year old prospect snatched from the Royals, was the first player tapped in the draft. He hit .262 with 19 homers at Omaha, also serving in 28 games with Kansas City. Jones ranks as the Mariners' gem of the future and is their youngest other than a couple of pitchers. He is seen as their center fielder.

Steve Braun, Dave Collins, and Lee Stanton probably rank among the foremost contenders for outfield berths among those who come with big league experience. Braun batted .288 in 122 games with the Twins and was almost a free agent until the end of the season when Cal Griffith signed him and sold him-in effect-for \$175,000, rather than lose him for nothing. Collins hit .263 for the Angels but spent part of the year at Salt Lake. Stanton, once an Angel regular, slipped to .190 in platoon duty. Carlos Lopez, also taken from the Angels, is a sleeper in the outer garden. He's 26, stole 30 bases at Salt Lake, and batted a powerful .350.

Look for the revolving door to keep swinging with the pitching staff, wherein Oakland's Glenn Abbott, Boston's Dick Pole, Cleveland's Stan Thomas, Detroit's Bill Laxton, Texas' Steve Barr, and Milwaukee's Pete Broberg are the main group of "rejects" getting a new chance. But these are only the backup men for the youngsters to whom Johnson plans to give every chance to develop under his title-wise pitching coach, Wes Stock.

Right handers Bob Galasso and Gary Wheelock, both 24, rank as the top prospects. Galasso, acquired from the Orioles, was 13-5 at Rochester, and Wheelock, who was another caught in the Mariner's raid of the Angels, was 15-8 for Salt Lake City. Equipped with an outstanding fast ball, Wheelock led the

Coast League with 138 strikeouts.

Among others with impressive records were John Montague, 14-6 at Oklahoma City, Dave Johnson 11-5 at Rochester, and Tommy Moore 10-7 in Sacramento's weird ball park where pop flies to left were home runs. These are older minor leaguers, however, none under 27.

A major project will be to separate starters from relievers, and it may take the better part of the season for Stock and Johnson to settle upon a rotation. Stan Thomas, Dave Pagan, and Laxton showed up with the most experience in that department.

Catching will need more depth. The Mariners' winter roster advertised only two receivers. Bob Stinson and Larry Cox. But Gorman traded for Skip Jutze who caught 42 games for Houston Astros last season. Stinson ranks as number one on the basis of six years' experience. He batted .263 for the 1976 Royals, catching 79 games.



PINCH-HIT CHAMPS

By Ken Smith

Baseball Hall of Fame official Ken Smith, a former New York baseball writer, delved into the '76 season for the key pinch-hitters.

The pennant races were great and the World Series held the attention of all baseball fans, but nothing was more exciting last season than the exploits of pinch-hitters and the rise to championship honors of two great ones, Jose Morales of the Montreal Expos and Manny Mota of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Montreal fans were treated to an absorbing show by Morales who went on the most blustery one-man pinch-hit rampage of all time, coming through at the plate for somebody, 25 times.

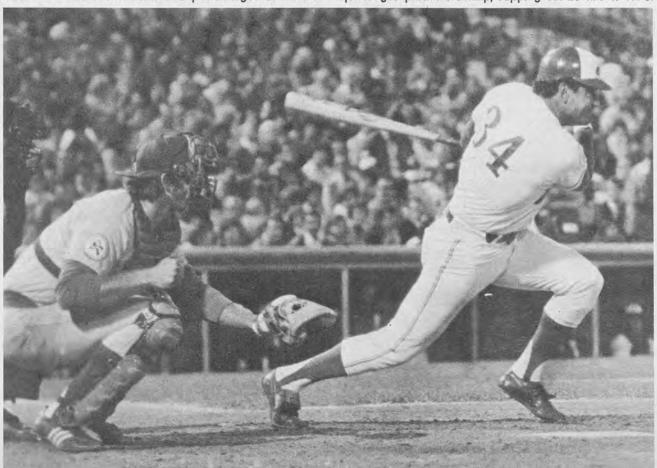
Pitchers hadn't been able to hog-tie this righthanded batter with any consistency all year and sport pages went into high gear when he tied the season pinch-hit record of 24, at Philadelphia on Sept. 13, emerging from a slump after an August run of eight pinch-hits in 10 turns. The climax loomed three days later during the game with the Chicago Cubs on Sept. 16. Previously unseen, even the "Mighty Casey" did not create the suspense at Mudville, that only a sudden added starter stirs up.

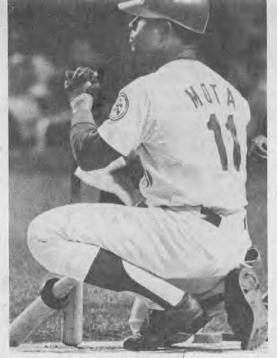
Introduced, the big fellow from the Virgin Islands, cast off his windbreaker and strode towards the plate, with the bases filled. The Jarry Park homecrowd was poised for what was about to take place.

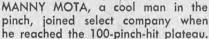
Chicago righthander Bruce Sutter wound up and Morales cleared the bases with his 25th pinch-hit, a two-base clout that splintered the record 24 set by Baltimore's Dave Philley in 1961 and matched by Vic Davalillo with the Cardinals in 1970.

Larry Landreth, Expos' rookie hurler, had been taken out in the sixth inning leading 1-0. Morales' blow in the seventh, made Landreth the winning

JOSE MORALES of the Montreal Expos emerged as the new major league pinch-hit champ, rapping out 25 hits in 1976.









pitcher in his first big-league game that ended in a 4-3 win for the Expos. Montreal pitchers think Jose is the greatest for he helped Dale Murray, Don Stanhouse and Steve Rogers too.

With the season three days to go, Morales again got his name into the record book. Interim manager Charley Fox, carrying on for Karl Kuehl who had given Jose his head all season, sent him up in the eighth inning at Wrigley Field, Oct. 1, for his 82nd appearance at the plate. He failed to hit, but he set a new Major League record for appearances, replacing Washington's Elmer Valo, who was in 81 box scores in 1960.

The new champion had quite a year—24 RBI, seven of them game-winners and three times went all the way over the fence.

The 1976 season will be quoted in the future, as youngsters shoot for Los Angeles' Manny Mota's achievement as fifth all-time to deliver 100 career pinch-hits, as well as Morales' one-season goal. Pinch-hitting often distained, has grown into a recognized art, similar to relief pitching which is far more respected now than it used to be.

Mota, on June 27, cracked his 100th pinch-hit that helped defeat the Giants. The hit put him into the fifth spot behind Jerry Lynch, 116, Red Lucas, 114 and Gates Brown, 107. Retired manager Walter Alston said "the pressure on him is incredible—he's the best I've ever seen as a pinch-hitter."

Pinch-hitting is an unpopular role—everybody prefers playing every day. But both Mota and Morales like it, which is probably why they succeed.

As the 1976 season began, Mota was one of six, playing in the majors with lifetime .300 averages, the others being Pete Rose, Hank Aaron, Rod Carew, Tony Oliva and Rico Carty.

At 38, it was pinch-hitting that inspired "Manny Mota Day" on Oct. 2, when the skill of stepping out

of the dugout cold was saluted by Mayor Bradley of Los Angeles and fans at Dodger Stadium.

Manny was at bat 17 more times after hitting the century, raising his lifetime total to 104. Next plateau is Brown's 107, the American League record set when the Detroit Tiger retired after 1975.

Two of Manny's highlights during the season was his pinch double with two out in the ninth inning on Aug. 18 to beat the Mets and Tom Seaver, 3-2 and his 104th and final pinch-hit on Sept. 13, a bases loaded single that helped beat the Braves 4-3.

Of course there are more Morales episodes than any other. Like on Aug. 10, Expos on second and third, two out, Giants ahead 1-0. Instead of walking Morales for Warren Cromartie, they dared pitching to him and Jose blaste'd one over the centerfielder's head to win, 2-1. But when Mets' Jerry Koosman avoided pitching to him on July 25, the next man singled the winning run across, with the infield in.

Jose was tough to stop. On July 23, his homer beat the Cardinals, he knocked in a run against the Pirates in a 13-inning 4-3 loss on July 30 and on Aug. 3, the Expos lost to the Giants but Morales again got the hit he was sent up for.

Morales' three-run double in the eighth inning had tied the Giants who went on to win 5-4 in the sixteenth. Then on Aug. 29, his pinch single drove in a run in a 3-0 defeat of the Padres. Maybe the pitchers knew how to pitch to him, but they weren't executing it.

Jose is an eager team-man. When finished with his pinch stint he hurries back to help warm up the bull-pen crew.

In 1975, Jose batted .301 with 15 pinch-hits and started a number of games to put his bat to work early, but to be replaced if the Expos got ahead.

Every pitcher knows it's like handing a guy an ice cream cone in the desert to throw him an out-

side pitch in the strike zone, so they jammed him. No problem, he was ready for it and batted .316 in 1976.

"When he gets to the park and notes he is not in the lineup, he spends all his energy getting ready for that one time at bat" ex-manager Kuehl explained, "and no regular complains having Morales bat for him. If there is a better pinch-hitter I've never heard of him."

Nobody challenged Morales but the industry hummed with batters who became familiar, stepping into the clutch spot. Manager Bill Virdon treated Ken Boswell like a Houston regular, and why not?—Ken set the club record with 26-pinch-hits. And you'd hardly call Ron Fairly a Cardinals substitute, rather, he was considered a specialist by manager Red Schoendienst. When he was traded, Oakland continued using him as a trouble shooter. Atlanta's skipper, Dave Bristol, also had a trump card—Dave May.

Sparky Anderson often brought in regulars for one poke, when they were sitting out that day. And he had a string of specialists—Dan Driessen, Mike Lum, Bob Bailey and Joel Youngblood.

Several of these registered pinch-hitters—you might term them that—appeared in every other game or every two or three. Invariably you'd find John Summers in the Cubs' box score or Glenn Adams and Chris Arnold for San Francisco; Ed Goodson, Los Angeles; Ed Kirkpatrick, Pittsburgh and Marv Rettenmund and Ted Kubiak for San Diego.

Tim McCarver, if not catching or handling first base for the Phillies, was available as a pinch-hitter. And most times he would stay in the game. Same with Bobby Tolan and Tony Taylor, because manager Dan Ozark went in for lots of fresh bats.

Joe Torre, often not in the Mets' batting order, was manager Joe Frazier's natural choice to jounce the team into a batting flurry. But the big guy didn't pan out well coming off the bench cold. In fact, in mid-summer the failure of the Mets could be traced to deficient pinch-hitting. Eleven different men batted during 33 pinch tries. Later back in the regular order, Big Joe resumed hitting as usual, two hits Aug. 2, three the next day.

It was fresh air when young Billy Baldwin roused Shea Stadium fans by walloping a ninth inning pinch home run, smashing a 3-3 tie. Next day, pitcher Bob Apodaca relieved Jerry Koosman with two Cubs on base in the seventh and rubbed out three Chicago pinch-hitters, saving the game.

Of course the AL designated hitter is really a pinch-hitter not officially recognized as such. Even with a designated hitter already in the lineup, Detroit manager Ralph Houk used Ben Oglivie regularly and Dan Meyer and Alex Johnson often. Craig Kussick and Tony Oliva were busy at Minnesota and clutch percentages of Milwaukee's Bill Sharp and Boston's Dick Miller were good.

One-shot batters nearly pulled Kansas City over the winning line when Whitey Herzog made good use of Jamie Quirk and Dave Nelson. Best White Soxer was Pat Kelly who was traded and will continue plying his trade. Ken McMullen's pinch homer with two on in the ninth inning on June 25, beat Minnesota 5-2. It was the eighth four base career emergency job by the Athletics' third baseman. The same day, Koosman of the Mets, walked two Cubs and Andy Thornton singled with the infield in, to win for the Cubs.

A real scorcher took place on June 26. Ken Brett of the White Sox and Rangers' Bert Blyleven had pitched eight and a half scoreless innings. In the last of the ninth, with a man on second and Jeff Burroughs at bat, Ken passed Burroughs intentionally. Jim Fregosi, batting for Dave Moates, promptly singled the winning run across.

On June 27, Thurman Munson's pinch-hit single in the seventh inning, tied and pushed the Yankees ahead in the first game of a doubleheader against Milwaukee. In the nightcap Munson again hit a pinch single, knocking in two runs.

California's Lee Stanton was quite active as a pinch-hitter. On July 25, he belted a pinch grand slam that beat Texas. Jerry Remy and Bobby Bonds were passed intentionally, to pitch to Stanton.

The Cubs sent up Morales, this one is named Jerry and, no relation to Jose though he comes from close by Puerto Rico. On July 31, the Cardinals were taking no chances with any Morales, so they put him on intentionally whereupon pinch-hitter Jim Tyrone, batting for Pete LaCock, singled two runs across.

LaCock (now with Royals) came through with a pinch-hit in the first game of a doubleheader on July 26 and was promoted to regular first baseman in the second game. There was a great deal of interchange of this sort last season.

A dry spell struck from Aug. 5 to Aug. 7. In 15 games, 22 teams did not use a pinch-hitter. The remaining teams sent up 13, only two bats connecting. Yankee manager Billy Martin ended the drought on Aug. 8, employing five pinch-hitters though losing to the Orioles 8-5. Only Carlos May came through with a hit.

Pinch-hitters get traded often and continue their specialty, like Tom Paciorek Dodgers to Braves; Dave Biittner Expos to Cubs; Andy Thornton Cubs to Expos and now Indians and Gene Locklear from San Diego to the Yankees.

Then there's Tommy Helms, keystoner, doubleplay'er and bunter for the Reds and Astros. He popped a Fourth of July pinch homer and in his next game a pinch walk, forcing in a run. Now he's with Oakland.

The big boys are more glamorous when they're pinch-hitting.

Rod Carew, sitting it out, pinch tripled against the White Sox on July 25, aiding the Twins to a 13-8 win. He and Steve Braun both pinch singled on Aug. 1, in the twelfth inning 8-7 win over the Athletics. Carew's pinch grand slam against the Rangers on Sept. 9, backed up pitcher Dave Goltz' 3-hit 6-0 victory.

On Aug. 8, Willie McCovey's lank figure appeared at the plate for the first time in the game in the eighth inning with two men on, Giants leading 3-0. Boom! score tied and Padres win in the ninth.

At Comiskey Park, Aug. 22, score 2-2 in the ninth

and three Orioles on base. Even Bill Veeck couldn't stage anything more exciting than seeing Reggie Jackson emerging from the enemy dugout as a pinch-hitter. Tension mounted as they changed pitchers—Wham! Jackson homers. Eleven days earlier, Willie Horton had gone up to bat as a pinch-hitter, and belted a home run and sensational rookie Mark Fidrych got his 13th victory of the season.

Headliner Willie Davis came out pinch-swinging for California Sept. 10 in the ninth inning and singled in the winning run off Royals pitcher Mark Littell who became the victim of Chris Chambliss' pennant winning home run in New York. Six days later, Jim Wynn, now the Toy Cannon for the Yankees, accustomed to playing daily, homered for the third time as a pinch-hitter for Atlanta.

Ted Simmons had Sept. 12 off, until the eighth inning when manager Schoendienst sent up the catcher-first baseman who doubled for two winning runs against the Mets, giving the redhead his 1000th

victory as manager.

Throughout the season you would see Cardinal regulars like Joe Ferguson (traded to Houston) and sometimes Mike Anderson, used in a pinch. Switcher Steve Ontiveros was likely to be sent in any day for the Giants. And Bob Robertson of the Pirates too.

Free passes did the job for San Diego's Dave Winfield and Ted Kubiak. They coaxed pinch walks from John Messersmith and later scored to beat the Braves.

Cleveland enjoyed watching manager Frank Robinson pinch-hit and manage. Seldom enough to be all the more exciting, the distinguished star of two leagues put on his helmet July 1 and delivered a sacrifice fly in a 3-2 setback of the Yankees at Cleveland. On July 15 Frank maneuvered a run across by ordering Duane Kuiper to bunt, then sent himself to bat and drew a pass with bases loaded.

August 12 was a dandy. Texas at Cleveland owned

WILLIE McCOVEY smashed pinch homer off Giants that led to Padres victory. McCovey, released, signed with Giants.





KEN McMULLEN, veteran Athletics infielder, beat Twins with pinch homer last season, the eighth of his career.

a 4-3 lead in the ninth when Robinson sent up John Lowenstein to pinch-hit and he came through with a double. Then it became a 4-4 tie on a single by Larvell Blanks who made third on a double by Dick Manning. They passed Rico Carty purposely and Robbie skied over the centerfielders head for the victory.

The Pirates, like the Reds, sent up loud guns like Al Oliver in the clutch. Out of the batting order a few days, Oliver smacked a safe hit Sept. 3 in both games of a doubleheader. The Corsairs were on their nine-game victory run. Next day the same. This was beginning to look good and the late Danny Murtaugh sent him in two days later and Al walked, scoring eventually.

There were more than a dozen Expo pinch-hitters last year. The largest and busiest group—five of them, led by Morales—pecked at the Giants for 15 innings on Aug. 21, and one run in the 16th flattened them.

Many Padres, Cubs and Cardinals took on the pinch-hit role. The Red Sox, Athletics and Orioles stuck with their regulars, mostly. And the Rangers and Yankees went very light.

Manager Alston enjoyed a bonanza on July 11 as Ted Sizemore, Ed Goodson and Lee Lacy smacked three straight pinch singles in the seventh inning of a seven-run explosion that wiped out a four-run deficit for a 9-6 win over the Cardinals. Batting around, Sizemore again singled. Ten days later the Cards walked Mota to get to Sizemore who then singled in the winning run. There are dozens more episodes that wouldn't be half so exciting if they weren't by pinch-hitters.

The grand slams, no-hitters, spectacular catches, double plays and stolen bases are liable to happen in any nine innings. But the pinch-hitter, an unlisted actor suddenly appearing front and center, is suspense theatre.

Designated Hitters

Y ou'd think the National League would finally be willing to use the Designated Hitter Rule during the regular season after Cincinnati's success with it during the World Series. The 1976 Series marked the first time in history both clubs used the DH, and Dan Driessen hit 357 as a DH to help the Reds gain a four-game sweep over the Yankees. But NL officials are dead set against it, preferring to stand by tradition and let the pitcher do his own hitting. Driessen was blanked in the first game, but went 2-for-4, including a double in the second game. He was a double, in the second game. He was the sparkplug in the third game when he delivered three hits in three at-bats, he delivered three hits in three at-bats, including a home run and a double. While his teammates took the field, Driessen spent his time in the clubhouse drinking coffee. "Sparky (Anderson) told me to stay away from liquor," Driessen said with a laugh. Three Yankee DH's had a combined 1-for-16. Infuture World Series Driessen probably. future World Series Driessen probably won't see any DH action since the Reds traded away Tony Perez to make room for him at first base.

Capsule comments follow on the top 12 DHs last year, according to American League figures, and how these players and the rules gave their clubs more offensive punch.

RICO CARTY led the DHs in at-bats (508) and was the No. 2 hitter in this category with a .317 mark for 137 games. He also led in RBI with 78, hits (161), doubles (31), total bases (231 for a 455 slugging percentage) and tied for the home run lead with 13. As a result Cleveland DHs had a .307 batting average, marking the first time a team's DH average went above .300.

HAL McRAE led all DHs with a .329 batting average in 117 games and was barely beaten out for the overall AL batting crown by Kansas City teammate George Brett. In 417 DH at-bats McRae collected 137 hits, 29 doubles, five tri-ples, seven homers and 62 RBI. His total base figure of 197 was second best to Carty. He played a key role in helping the Royals win the AL West title.

WILLIE HORTON provided Detroit with some of the sock it needed by hitting 13 homers, 17 doubles and 55 RBI. The rotund slugger appeared in 105 games and batted .263. His DH figures dropped from last year but he was sidelized and the state of th lined for 39 games with a foot injury. His contribution gave the Tigers a .271 DH mark.

TOM GRIEVE was the Texas Rangers' key DH. He showed good power with nine homers, two triples, 12 doubles and 49 RBI. In 96 games he batted 247. He also saw action in the outfield for 52 games. A right-handed hitter, Grieve has shown he can hit with power against both left handers and sighter. both left-handers and rightys.

BILLY WILLIAMS wound up his career last season as a DH. He batted only .208 in 106 games but belted 11 homers and drove home 40 runs. Age apparently caught up with Williams, a former National Leaguer, who rapped out 22 homers and had 77 RBI in 1975 for Oakland as a DH.

CARLOS MAY was the main left-handed swinger off the bench for the AL champion Yankees in a DH role. He collected 11 doubles, two triples and three homers for a 256 batting average in 81 games. He was acquired from the Chicago White Sox early last season for DH purposes.

HANK AARON, his career extended two seasons as a DH with the Milwaukee Brewers, added 10 more homers to his all-time record last season. He had eight doubles and 33 RBI while batting a disappointing .229 in 74 games. But through the DH rule, many AL fans were able to say they had seen baseball's all-time home run king play.

STEVE BRAUN, a .300-hitter as regular outfielder in 1975, became the Minnesota Twins' left-handed hitting DH last season. In 71 games he batted .280 and drove in 39 runs. The switching of Braun to DH allowed manager Gene Mauch to utilize better glove men in the field. Braun did see action in 32 games as an outfielder.

TOMMY DAVIS, the most steady DH since the rule was adopted in '73, apparently is through after a long and illustrious career. Cut by the Yankees in spring training, he played briefly for the Royals and stayed with the Angels for the bulk of the season. In 57 at bats last year he batted .251 with three homers and 19 RBI.

JACK KUSICK, unable to oust Rod Carew from first base, gained a spot as the Twins right-handed DH. He demonstrated good power with nine homers, 10 doubles and 29 RBI while batting .269 in 79 games. With Braun and Kusick sharing the DH job, the Twins were No. 4 in the DH category with a



RICO CARTY, Cleveland swatter, got most hits (169), RBI (92) among DH.

PAT KELLY, now with the Orioles, was the most used White Sox in the DH spot. In 63 games he batted .256 with nine doubles, three triples, four homers and 24 RBI. He also swiped 12 bases. Using several different hitters the White Sox had a .265 DH batting average, fifth best in the league, although they finished last in the AL West.

JIM RICE possesses a big bat, but his play in the outfield has its shortcomings. The right-handed hitting slugger, who had a strong season as a rookie with the AL champion Red Sox, slipped to a .264 mark in 54 games. He pounded out seven homers, two doubles and nine triples for 29 RBI. He and Cecil Cooper shared most of the DH chores for the Red Sox.

All told, designated hitters batted a collective .257 with 161 homers and 940 RBI. The DH average was one point higher than the league batting average and was three points higher than last year's DH average. The combined NL pitchers' averages would never average close to that, and they wouldn't hit 161 homers. But the NL will continue to play it the traditional way for several years to come, at least, while the AL continues to make good use of fading sluggers and good hitters whose gloves keep them out of the lineup.

TOP DESIGNATED HITTERS

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BRAUN, Steve, Twins	.280	71	254	44	71	87	8	1	2	39	0	3	41	2	1	30	6	3	5
DAVIS, Tommy, Royals	.251	57	215	17	54	68	5	0	3	19	0	1	15	3	0	17	0	1	13
KUSICK, Craig, Twins	.269	79	212	29	57	94	10	0	9	29	1	2	23	0	1	35	4	1	0
KELLY, Pat, White Sox	.256	63	211	32	54	81	9	3	4	24	2	4	32	0	3	28	12	5	8
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Besides, baseball had the first, and only "King Kong"—Charley Keller of the Yankees, in the era when New York the Yankees, in the era when New York baseball writers dubbed the Yanks, "Bronx Bombers" and Joe DiMaggio, the "Yankee Clipper" and Charley, "King Kong" Keller.

The 5:10, 190-pound, hairy-armed lefthanded slugger was a real nice guy—but not while holding a bat.

Keller, a Yankee from 1939 to 1949 and with the Detroit Tigers until 1952, retired with a career average of 286 and

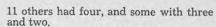
retired with a career average of .286 and 189 home runs, seven Grand Slams and five homers in four World Series. He missed the home run championship by Williams edged him out with 37.

Greatest "King Kong" of all, is Babe Ruth, a 12-time champion, followed by

Ralph Kiner with seven titles and Gavvy Cravath and Harmon Killebrew with six apiece. Mel Ott had five and



RALPH KINER led the NL in homers seven times as a Pittsburgh slugger.



"The only "King Kong" to reign in both leagues is Sam Crawford, with 16 National League home runs in 1901 and seven in the American League in 1908.

In those years of home run rarities, Tommy Leach led with six in 1902, lowest ever in the NL. Crawford's seven in 1908, lowest in the AL, was tied by Bob Roth in 1915.

The top seasons for a "King Kong"



SAM CRAWFORD is the only player to lead both AL and NL in home runs.

GAVVY CRAVATH, Phillie slugger, captured home run title seven times.



TOMMY LEACH, dead-ball era slugger, socked six homers in 1902 as Pirate to lead National League.



HARMON KILLEBREW was Twins' powerhouse, paced AL in homers six seasons, including three in a row.



was 1927, when Ruth powered 60 homers and 1961 when Roger Maris' 61 included an asterisk.

Some years ago during a conversation with Dan Daniel, dean of baseball writers now retired in Florida, he stated that the Spaulding Company manufacturers of the AL baseball, were told to speed up the ball (addition of cork center) for the 1920 season. They did and the Babe rocketed 54 homers into the stands, reaching the peak of 60 seven years later.

The NL then advised the Reach Company to pep up the ball a bit and homers increased. The NL got somewhat bolder in 1929 and asked for more pep for the 1930 season. After Hack Wilson

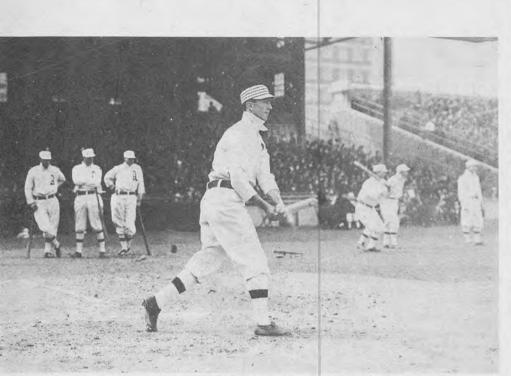
belted 56 home runs that year, an NL record that still stands, the powers that be became a little frightened and had the ball toned down. There were less home runs after that.

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When will a pair of slugging teammates come along and shoot down the "King Kong" duo record of 115 homers set by Mickey Mantle and Maris in 1961? And another "King Kong" combination—the career record of 1207 homers by Ruth and Lou Gehrig?

And now that the individual career "King Kong" Hank Aaron has retired with 755 home runs try to imagine how

And now that the individual career "King Kong" Hank Aaron has retired with 755 home runs, try to imagine how long it will be before anybody comes along to even get close to that "King Kong" record.



HOME RUN BAKER was the AL's home run king four straight seasons.

ROGER MARIS, left, and MICKEY MANTLE crashed 115 homers total in 1961, surpassing the duo record of 107 set by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in '27.



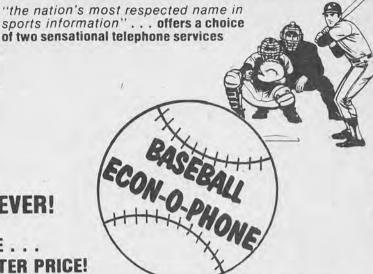


HANK AARON set tough target to top-career total of 755 home runs.

HACK WILSON, left, holds National League homer record, 56; CY WIL-LIAMS took NL homer crown 3 times.







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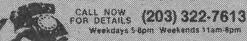
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Forty two batters clouted 51 Grand I Slams last season—28 in the National League, 23 by American leaguers. The total was far from the record 88 set in 1970 which included a record 49 by the NL.

Three players hit three Slams apiece during the season-John Milner, N.Y. Mets, Rod Carew, Minnesota Twins and Reggie Jackson, Baltimore Orioles, The record, five, was set by Ernie Banks of the Cubs in 1955 and tied by Jim Gen-

tile, Orioles, 1961.

The 23 Slams by the Yankees' "Iron Horse" Lou Gehrig appears out of reach for anyone around today. Willie Mc-Covey, veteran San Francisco Giants' slugger who owns 16 Slams, has a shot for a three-way second place tie of 17, now that Hank Aaron, also with 16, has

Now the NL pacesetter, McCovey also can become the all-time leader in pinch-hit Grand Slams. He's deadlocked with former major leaguers Ron Northy and Rich Reese for the major league standard of three career pinch-hit Grand

Nobody has been able to make the World Series Grand Slam record book, since Jim Northrup in 1968, Five Yankees made it between 1936 and 1964. One of them, Gil McDougald, who slammed in 1951, was the only rookie ever to perform the feat.

Elmer Smith of the AL's Cleveland Indians was first and 42 years later, Chuck Hiller of the Giants finally got the NL into the book.

Two Grand Slam homers were wiped

out last season.

When Garry Maddox belted a Grand Slam in the fourth inning of Philadel-phia's 8-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Aug. 3, it became the seventh Slam of the season for the Phillies. It also tied the NL record shared by the 1970 Giants and the 1974 Cincinnati

LIFETIME SLAMS

(Old timers 12 or more)

Lou Gehrig, Yankees 23 Jimmy Foxx, Athletics 17
Ted Williams, Red Sox 17 Babe Ruth, Yankees 16
AARON, Hank, Braves 16

McCOVEY, Willie, Giants 16
Gil Hodges, Dodgers 14

ALLEN, Dick
WILLIAMS, Billy
ROBINSON, Frank, Indians

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BENCH, Johnny, Reds

DAVIS, Tommy
HORTON, Willie, Tigers
ROBINSON, Brooks, Orioles

TENACE, Gene, Padres YASTRZEMSKI, Carl, Red Sox

BONDS, Bobby, Angels

BAILEY, Bob, Reds .

DAVIS, Tommy .

The Phillies would have had a record eight Slams if Tim McCarvers Grand Slam homer on July 4 had not been

After the Phillies had scored four runs in the second inning at Pittsburgh's Three River Stadium, Tim went up to the plate with bases loaded and drove Larry Demery's fastball over the rightfield fence.

Maddox, who was off first base, went back to tag up fearing the ball might be caught. McCarver, watching the ball clear the fence, was about four strides around first base when he noted he had passed Maddox. As a result, second base umpire Ed Vargo called the horrified McCarver out.

Poor Tim, he had to settle for a 375foot single and three runs batted in. Back in the dugout the veteran catcher's comment was: "How can I be a hero if I keep screwing things up? Oh well, at least it was the longest single I ever

Maddox was completely puzzled as to how McCarver got by him. All was not lost—the Phillies won 10-5.

The first Slam to vanish occurred early in the season. On April 10, Milwaukee Brewers slugger, Don Money, hit a game-winning Grand Slam in the ninth inning that sent the Yankees down to a 10-9 defeat. But it didn't count.

It all started with the Yankees ahead 9-6, Sparky Lyle on the mound. Robin Yount singled and Pedro Garcia's walk brought the tying run to the plate and Dave Pagan in relief of Lyle.

Then, pinch-hitter Bobby Darwin got to first on Graig Nettles' error. With bases loaded and none out, Money came up and cracked Pagan's 1-0 pitch into the leftfield stands for a Grand Slam victory.

Teammates crowded the plate and swarmed all over Don with handshakes and backslaps while Milwaukee fans went wild with joy.

BURROUGHS, Jeff, Braves FREEHAN, Bill McCARVER, Tim, Phillies MILNER, John, Mets RUDI, Joe, Angels SIMMONS, Ted, Cardinals DARWIN, Bobby, Red Sox DAVIS, Willie EVANS, Darrell, Giants FOSTER, George, Reds JACKSON, Reggie, Yankees JOHNSON, Deron KINGMAN, Dave, Mets MELTON, Bill, Indians MELTON, Bill, Indians OLIVER, Al, Pirates PEREZ, Tony, Expos RADER, Doug, Padres WATSON, Bob, Astros WYNN, Jim, Yankees BLAIR, Paul, Yankees CAREW, Rod, Twins CEDENO, Cesar, Astros CEDENO, Cesar, Astros MAY, Carlos, Yankees MAY, Dave, Rangers McMULLEN, Ken, Athletics MONDAY, Rick, Dodgers OLIVA, Tony PORTER, Darrell, Royals ROJAS, Cookie, Royals ... STANTON, Lee, Mariners TORRE, Joe, Mets WHITE, Roy, Yankees BELL, Buddy, Indians

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CARDENAL, Jose, Cubs	2
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Suddenly, Yankee manager Billy Martin busted out of the dugout screaming at umpire Jim McKean, argueing that he (McKean) had called

time out on the pitch. McKean agreed.
The toughest part, was convincing
Money, the other Brewers and the 10,870 fans that the Slam was not a home run and the game wasn't over. When the excitement finally simmered down, Money went up to bat over again. The Brewers scored a run but lost the game

9-7 shortly after they had won it 10-9.
Martin claimed he was trying, but couldn't get Pagan's attention. He wanted to tell him to pitch with a windup. "I told McKean you called time and you have to back it up" said Martin, "after all it could have been a double play ball."

Said McKean: "Martin was yelling to his catcher, couldn't get his attention, so he yelled to first baseman Chris Chambliss, and Chambliss said to me 'Jim, time out.' So I raised my right hand in the air. I got to the dirt part of

the infield and then he threw the pitch."
Money made one comment: "Why did
Billy Martin have to argue about a
minute and a half? Martin talked him
(McKean) into it."

Brewers' manager, Alex Grammas was fuming," I don't want to talk about the - thing. You can bet if Billy was on my side of the field he'd be yelling like me."

So, while Tim McCarver remains with five career Grand Slams, Don Money will have to keep trying for his first.

SLAMS

GRAND SLAMS-1976 National League

 MILNER, John, Mets
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 LUZINSKI, Greg, Phillies
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 MORGAN, Joe, Reds
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 WINFIELD, Dave, Padres
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 ALLEN, Dick
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 BOONE, Bob, Phillies
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 EVANS, Darrell, Giants
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 FOSTER, George, Reds
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 GARRETT, Wayne, Expos
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 MURCER, Bobby, Giants
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 PACIOREK, Tom, Braves
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 RADER, Doug, Padres
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 STARGELL, Willie, Pirates
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 TOLAN, Bobby, Phillies
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 WATSON, Bob, Astros
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American League

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NETTLES, Graig, Yankees
SINGLETON, Ken, Orioles
SPIKES, Charley, Indians
STANTON, Lee, Angels
STAUB, Rusty, Tigers
WYNEGAR, Butch, Twins





DON MONEY, fumes after umpire voided first Grand Slam of his career.

TIM McCARVER, arguing with ump, lost Slam for passing runner at first.





GIL McDOUGALD, at bat in 1951 series vs Dodgers, was the first and only rookie to hit Series Grand Slam.

ELMER SMITH, Cleveland outfielder, hit first world Series Grand Slam in 1920 series with St. Louis Cardinals.

GRAND SLAMS-WORLD SERIES

Elmer Smith, Indians)
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Gil McDougald, Yankees 1951	L
Mickey, Mantle, Yankees 1953	3
Yogi Berra, Yankees	5
Bobby Richardson, Yankees 1960)
Chuck Hiller, Giants	2
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Ken Boyer, Cardinals	ļ
Sim Northrup Tigers 1968	3

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Hiting for the cycle (single, double, triple, home run, in one game) has been performed 153 times—88 in the National League, 65 in the American League.

Last season was one of the vintage years. Six players completed the cycle, tying the 1940 total and only one shy of

the record seven set in 1933.

Tim Foli, Montreal's shortstop, was the first to hit the cycle in 1976, first ever to take 23 hours to complete it and

first for the Expos.
On April 21, Foli teed off on three Chicago hurlers at Wrigley Field, only park in the majors without lights. He singled off Geoff Zahn in the second inning, doubled off Tom Dettore in the third and tripled off Paul Reuschel in the fifth.

Raining, and Montreal leading 11-3, umpire Billy Williams suspended the game in the sixth inning because of darkness. Since all suspended games must be completed, the Expos hassled to have the game called because of rain. Williams said no.

After play resumed on April 22, Foli, who had hit only five home runs in six years, completed his cycle with a homer off Ken Crosby in the eighth for the Expos' last run in a 12-6 victory.



MIKE PHILLIPS turned a homer into a triple when he hit for the cycle.

Minnesota's Larry Hisle capped his cycle on June 4 with a two-run gamewinning homer off Orioles' Mike Flan-

agan at Baltimore.

Hisle doubled in the fourth and tripled in the fifth off Doyle Alexander and singled in the eighth off Flanagan before powering his homer in the tenth

for an 8-6 win.

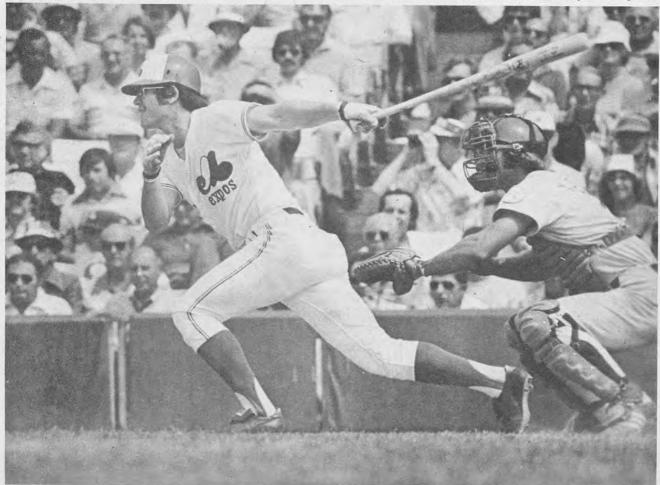
Mike Phillips of the Mets, filling in at short for injured Bud Harrelson on June 25 at Chicago's Wrigley Field, Started the cycle with a double off Ray Burris in the third inning, then hit Burris for a triple in the fifth. The triple would have been an in-the-park homer had Phillips sprinted to first base. He thought the ball was an out instead it hit the wall. Phillips put on speed but had to stop at third.

In the seventh Mike blasted a tworun homer off Bruce Sutter and com-pleted the cycle with a single off Mike Garman in the eighth making the Cubs the season's two-time cycle victim.

Lyman Bostock followed teammate Larry Hisle with a cycle to give the Minnesota Twins their second of the

On July 24 at Chicago, Bostick swatted White Sox hurler Pete Vucovich for a triple in the second inning

TIM FOLI, Montreal Expos' shortstop, capped cycle with home run against Chicago Cubs in a suspended game.



THE CYCLE

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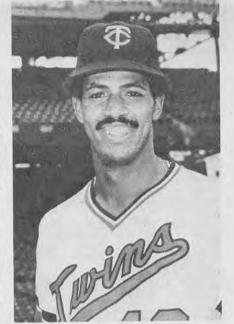
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LYMAN BOSTOCK, who only hit four home runs all season, and Minnesota teammate LARRY HISLE, below, each reached cycle during the 1976 season.



CESAR CEDENO accomplished the feat twice for Houston Astros in '72 & '76.



TOTAL CYCLES-ALL CLUBS

NATIONAL LEAGUE		AMERICAN LEAGUE
PIRATES GIANTS CARDINALS CUBS DODGERS PHILLIES REDS BRAVES METS ASTROS EXPOS	17 15 13 9 7 6 4 3 3 2	YANKEES 13 ATHLETICS 11 RED SOX 11 TIGERS (2-N.L.) 15 INDIANS (2-N.L.) 7 TWINS 2 ANGELS 2 ROYALS 8 BREWERS 4 WHITE SOX

and hit a home run off Chris Knapp in the fourth.

In the eighth he hit Knapp for a double and completed the trick with a single off Blue Moon Odom in the ninth.

Cesar Cedeno, the only Houston player to hit for the cycle (1972) repeated the performance on Aug. 9 last season at Houston against St. Louis.

Cedeno tripled in the first inning, homered in the sixth and doubled in the seventh, all off Bob Forsch, then singled off Mike Wallace in the eighth. Cedeno scored four runs, drove in five and led the Astros to a 13-4 route of the Cardinals.

On Sept. 3, Milwaukee veteran Mike Hegan became the first Brewer to hit for the cycle. Mike got three quarters of his hits off the sensational Tiger rookie, Mark Fidrych.

Hegan greeted Mark with a two-run double in the first inning, slugged a homer in the third, whacked a bases-loaded triole in the fourth that sent Fidrych to the showers and completed the cycle in the sixth with a single off Bill Laxton.

Since 1970 there were four years with only one cycler—Fred Patek, Royals, 1971; Joe Torre, Cardinals, 1973; Richie Zisk, Pirates, 1974 and Lou Brock, Cardinals, 1975.

In 1970 there was a bumper crop of five—Rod Carew, Twins; Tony Horton, Indians; Tommy Agee, Mets; Jim Hart, Giants and Wes Parker, Dodgers.

There were four in 1972—Bobby Murcer, Yankees; Cesar Tovar, Twins; Cesar Cedeno, Astros and Dave Kingman, Giants.

The record shows only 14 two-time cyclers, latest being Cedeno last year, catching up with Jim Fregosi of the Angels who batted his second cycle nine years ago.

The only players to hit cycles in successive years are George Sisler, St. Louis Browns (1920-21); Bob Meusel,

Yankees (1921-22); Wally Westlake, Pirates (1948-49) and Mickey Cochrane, Athletics (1932-33).

Babe Herman, of the old Brooklyn Dodgers and Meusel are the only three-time cycle hitters. Herman remains alone with two cycles in one season (1931).

With the addition of players who cycled before 1900 and others who were not on the list in our past yearbook, the AL-NL chart shown here is officially complete.

For a different cycle, let's hear it for Pete Falcone of the Giants, the only hurler to pitch a cycle in one inning.

On the night of Aug. 22, 1975 at Candlestick Park, Pete was hammered for five runs by four N.Y. Mets in the first inning.

for the table of the first inning.

Gene Clines got to first on an error and Felix Millan followed with a single. After Mike Vail struck out, Rusty Staub belted a homer to right center. Then Dave Kingman lined a double to left and Joe Torre completed the cycle with a triple to center. Pete's agony ended after Torre scored the fifth run on a balk and a well to Jerry Crote.

balk and a walk to Jerry Grote.

Base runners have a cycle going too.
On Aug. 30, 1974, Dave Nelson, then
with the Rangers, stole second, third
and home against Cleveland. Dave was
the first in the AL to turn the trick
since Rod Carew in 1969.

The last National Leaguer was Harvey Hendrick of the Brooklyn Dodgers, against the Cubs, June 12, 1928. The NL's great base bandits, Maury Wills, Lou Brock and Davy Lopez never accomplished the feat.

Honus Wagner of the Pirates did it three times (1902-07-09). So did Ty Cobb of the Tigers (1909-11-12).

The Pittsburgh Pirates hold the hit

The Pittsburgh Pirates hold the hit for the cycle record with 17. Only clubs without a cycle are San Diego, and Texas. Get going you Padres and Rangers—get on the scoreboard.



MIKE HEGAN owned The Bird in becoming first Brewer ever to hit cycle.

PETE FALCONE pitched the cycle in battering by the NY Mets in 1975.







BABE HERMAN, left, NL, and BOB MEUSEL, right, AL, hold the distinction of being the only players ever to hit for the cycle three times during career.

CLAY PIGEONS

Minnie Minoso, the 53-year-old American League Clay Pigeon Champ, was activated by White Sox owner Bill Veck on Sept. 10 last year as player-coach, 12 years after ending a career that spanned 16 seasons in the majors.

Saturnino Orestes Arrieta Minoso, a native of Cuba, holds the major league record for most consecutive years leading the league in being hit by nitcher (6) and most years total (10).

leading the league in being hit by pitcher (6) and most years total (10). On Sept. 11 and 12, manager Paul Richards used Minoso as a defensive hitter and in six-at-bats Minnie got the only hit of his comeback. His season record was three games, eight at-bats, one hit, struck out twice and, for the second season in his career he drew a blank in the HP column.

Since 1965, the indistructable Minoso played and managed in the Mexican League with three clubs—Jalisco, Gomez Palacio and Puerto Vallarta. In 11 seasons he had a composite batting average of .308 and wasn't plunked

Minnie holds third spot in the major league "OUCH" catagory with 190 welts, behind Cleveland manager Frank Robinson's 198 and the champion Ron Hunt's 243.

Over the last five seasons 57 players have been belted with a pitch 15-ormore times, with Don Baylor of the Angels leading the Clay Pigeon pack with 65.

Baylor, with Oakland, was high man in 1976, hitting the dirt 20 times, followed by Phillies' Mike Schmidt and Greg Luzinski and Cubs' Bill Madlock with 11 apiece. Two others who were hit in double figures last year were Dave Chalk, Angels, and Dan Ford, Twins, each with 10.

Twins, each with 10.

In 1972, Cesar Tovar (with the Twins), led the AL with 14 HPs. In 1973, Baylor (Orioles) led with 13. In 1974 Bobby Grich, Orioles, led with 20. There was a tie of 13 in 1975 between Bavlor and Tony Oliva of the Twins. In 1976, Baylor got the most bruises, 20.

Hunt, of the Montreal Expos, ran away out in front in the NL in 1972 with 26, then 24 in 1973 and 16 in his last year, 1974. Felix Millan of the New York Mets was high with 16 in 1975 and Schmidt, Luzinski and Madlock, were in a three-way tie for honors in 1976.

In the five-year span, AL players got plunked 1972 times. NL batters got off easier with only 1753 plunks.

Hunt retired after the 1974 season with the major league career record of 243 times hit-by-pitcher and most times hit, one season, 50, in 1971. Ron irritated pitchers by crowding the plate, forcing them to send in a pitch he liked

or walk him-or painfully, hit him.

In a night game at Jarry Park Sept. 28, 1971, he equalled the one-season mark of 49 "OUCHES" set in 1896 by Hugh Jennings of the Baltimore Orioles. Hunt got plunked by Chicago Cubs' Bill Bonham.

The following night, the Cubs' Milt Pappas was furious after he had stung Ron with the record pitch. "He not only didn't try to get out of the way" said Pappas, "but he actually leaned into it. And on a breaking pitch that's a joke . . ." The Expos won both games and Ron's single off Pappas drove in a winning run.

Hunt suffered a painful year, but his 50 hits by pitchers gave him a fine .406 on-base average. Bill Freehan, recently released by Detroit, tied the AL season record of 24 in 1968, set by Kid Elberfield of the Washington Senators in 1911.

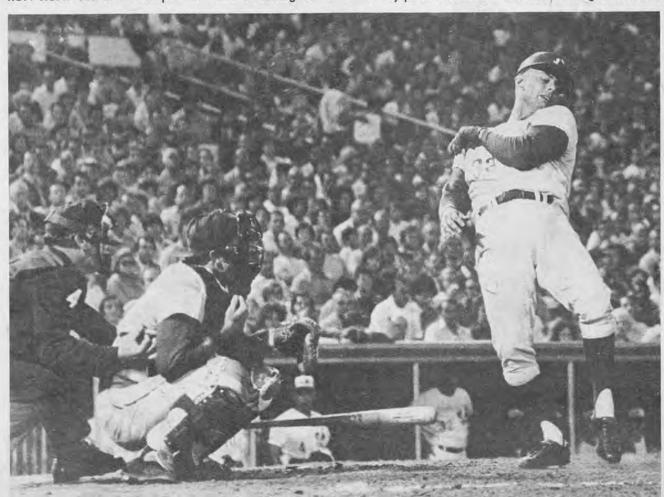
Frank Robinson's 198 career HPs is second best. His 118 welts between 1956 and 1965 with the Cincinnati Reds was the high in that era.

Last season's batting champs were far apart with AL champ George Brett of the Royals suffering only one bruise compared to NL champ Madlock's 11.

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Last year 684 players were hit by pitchers (374 AL, 310 NL), 90 less than the five-year high of 774 in 1974 (414

RON HUNT endured much pain en route to setting an all-time hit-by-pitch record—243 OUCHES during his career.



AL, 360 NL). All HPs create a stir of some kind, some get hot enough to empty both benches.

Reggie Jackson, struck with a pitch by Terry Forster in the opening game

of a twi-night doubleheader with the White Sox on Aug. 14 at Baltimore, brought his career HP total to 26.

He was decked by Ken Brett in the nightcap, then in the fifth inning, hit a Grand Slam (third of the season). While circling the bases, Jackson yelled and gesticulated at Brett gesticulated at Brett.

Next time he came to bat, Jackson was decked by Clay Carroll. When Reggie hurled his bat towards second base, a brawl ensued lasting 10 minutes.

Jackson had been struck in the face with a pitch by Yankees' Dock Ellis three weeks earlier, which appeared to be accidental. He made a shakey trip to the hospital for x-rays which were negative.

The night game on April 20 last year between the St. Louis Cardinals and N.Y. Mets, proved costly for right-hander Lynn (Clothen and lefty Jon. Matlack. Also, it was painful for Del Unser.

After being creamed with three runs

DEL UNSER slumped and was shipped to Montreal after being hit on purpose.



in the first two innings (one by Unser), McGlothen stung Unser with a pitch on his right elbow, putting him out of action with a severe bruise and swelling. This was only the fifth HP suffered by Del in the last six seasons. It created a melee among players of both clubs.

Matlack was the next clay pigeon. Then Matlack threw at McGlothen when he came to bat. The beanball battle was

McGlothen later admitted hitting Un-

ser and Matlack intentionally. He was suspended for five days and fined \$300 by NL President Chub Feeney. Matlack was fined an automatic \$50 when warned by umpire Bruce Froemming for his part of the beanball battle.

The HPs will always be with us and the bruises will continue. "I wish I had learned to switch-hit" Ron Hunt once said, "It would have distributed my bruises instead of them being all on one side."



DON BAYLOR is restrained by Oakland teammates after being hit victim for the last and 20th time in 1976 when he led major leagues in HBP.

HP CHAMP-EACH CLUB			SEASON HIGH-EACH		-
layer Team	Year	HP	Team	Year	Tot.
on Hunt, Expos	1971	50			
ou Evans, Cardinals	1910	31	CARDINALS		78
on Hunt, Giants	1970	26	EXPOS	19/1	78
REEHAN, Bill, Tigers	1040	24	WHITE SOX		75
INOSO, Minnie, White Sox	1056	23	GIANTS	1969	66
AYLOR, Don, Athletics	1730		ATHLETICS		63
DICH B-LL O'LL	1970	20	TIGERS	1968	61
RICH, Bobby, Orioles	19/4	20	ORIOLES	1974	58
OBINSON, Frank, Reds	1956	20	INDIANS	1962	54
red Reichardt, Angels	1968	18	PHILLIES	1962	53
OVAR, Cesar, Twins	1968	17	DODGERS		52
INOSO, Minnie, Indians	1959	17	ANGELS	1968	52
ou Johnson, Dodgers	1965	16	REDS	1956	51
rank Crosetti, Yankees	1938	15	TWINS	1968	49
LIVER, AI, Pirates	1970	14	ASTROS		49
d Bouchee, Phillies	1957	14	METS		48
on Hunt. Mets	1963	13		1964	
dolph Philips, Cubs	1966	12		1966	47
elipe, Alou, Braves	1044	12	1411 112	1917	46
a Flagstead, Red Sox	1004	11	YANKEES		46
I Farrara, Padres	1070	11	RED SOX		46
ODDIGHET Ellia Panuara	1070		BRAVES		45
ODRIGUEZ, Ellie, Brewers	19/3	10	ROYALS	1969	43
ellie Fox, Astros	1904	10	BREWERS	1973	42
OVAR, Cesar, Rangers	1974	9	PADRES	1970	39
ODRIGUEZ, Éllie, Royals	1969	8	RANGERS	1974	38
on Mincher, Seattle (Pilots)	1969	5	SEATTLE	1969	34

TOP CLAY PIGEONS LA					
Player Team '72	'73	'74	'75	'76	Tot.
BAYLOR, Don, Angels 9	13	10	13	20	65
GRICH, Bobby, Angels 7	7	20	8	3	45
TENACE, Gene, Padres 3	10	12	12	4	41
DARWIN, Bobby, Red Sox 8	3	14	7	5	37
MILLAN, Felix, Mets 3	6	8	12	7	36
ROSE, Pete, Reds 7	6	5	11	6	35
RODRIGUEZ, Ellie, Dodgers 7	10	9	6		35
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	5	9	3	3	34
TORRE, Joe, Mets	10	8	2	5	33
TOLAN, Bobby, Phillies 6	3	9	10	4	32
HEBNER, Richie, Phillies 6	4	6	10	4	30
FREEHAN, Bill, Tigers 6	11	5	6	1	29
MAY, Carlos, Yankees 9	5	1	9	5	29
LUZINSKI, Greg, Phillies 3	7	0	8	11	29
SCHMIDT, Mike, Phillies	9	4	4	11	29
BANDO, Sal, Brewers 9	4	5	5	4	27
JACKSON, Reggie, Yankees 8	7	4	3	4	26
OLIVER, Al, Pirates 5	5	5	5	5	25
CEDENA, Cesar, Astros	7	4	7	1	24
STAUB, Rusty, Tigers 2	3	3	9	7	24
FISK, Carlton, Red Sox 4	10	2	2	6	24
MADDOX, Garry, Phillies 4	6	3	6	4	23
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McRAE, Hal, Royals 0	6	5	4	8	23
McBRIDE, Bake, Cardinals	2	13	1	6	22
WATSON, Bob, Astros 8	4	3	3	4	22
OLIVA, Tony, Twins 0	4	2	13	2	21
YEAGER, Steve, Dodgers 1	3	2	8	7	21
WILLIAMS, Earl, Expos 6	3	7	3	1	20
NETTLES, Graig, Yankees 4	7	3	2	4	20
RADER, Doug, Padres	3	4	5	3	20
CHALK, Dave, Angels	1	7	2	10	20
MADLOCK, Bill, Cubs	1	5	3	11	20
CEY, Ron, Dodgers 1	2	7	7	3	20
STARGELL, Willie, Pirates 2	3	6	3	5	19
BONDS, Bobby, Angels 5	4	4	3	3	19
MAY, Lee, Orioles	2	7	5	. 3	19
GERONIMO, Cesar, Reds	3	2	4	6	18
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MINNIE MINOSO was too old to be hit by pitch in his 1976 "comeback."

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1972 Montreal 129	443	26	
1973 Montreal 113	401	24	
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By Don Merry

Long Beach (Calif.) Independent Press-Telegram scribe Don Merry, gives lowdown on shift against hitters. VS.

HITTERS

SHIFTS

Bill Veeck, the incurable showman with his unmatched flair for the bizarre, is generally conceded to have conceived the idea of introducing Little League Baseball to the majors.

Veeck, now firmly ensconced as the owner of the Chicago White Sox, touched off a legendary baseball furor in the Dark Ages of 1951 when he was operating the St. Louis Browns. Although the inept Brownies generated enough chuckles of their own with their peculiar style of play—most of it mediocre and less—Veeck, as he was wont to do, went them one better in the humor department.

On Aug. 19, 1951, Veeck celebrated the American League's fiftieth anniversary by dispatching a midget, the late Eddie Gaedel—to home plate as a pinchhitter for Frank Saucier. Gaedel, or what there was of him—and at 3-foot-7 and 65 pounds there wasn't all that much—encountered no difficulty in coaxing a walk on four straight pitches from Detroit's flabbergasted Bob Cain.

No matter that the following day, AL president

Will Harridge declared midgets, elves and leprechauns illegal, Veeck had scored a major breakthrough.

But a check of the archives turns up the fact that Gaedel was not the first of his ilk to set foot on a major league diamond. Of course, garbed in a Brownie uniform and wearing No. 1/8 on the back of his flannels, he was the first midget under legal contract to get in a game. However, there was an incident at Boston's Fenway Park in 1946 that may have sewn the idea in Veeck's fertile mind.

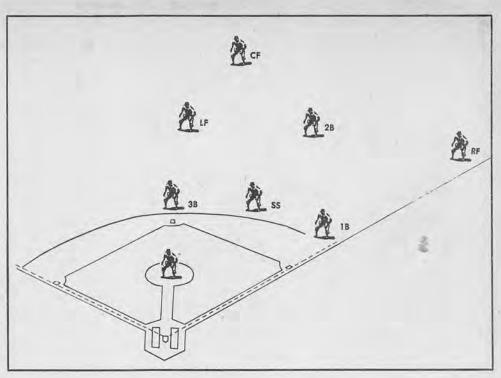
The Cleveland Indians with their Boy Manager, Lou Boudreau, were in town and when Ted Williams came to bat in the second game of a double header, strange things began to occur. The third baseman moved behind second base. The shortstop took up a position to the right of second base. The second baseman became a shallow right fielder and the first baseman hugged the line. The outfield swung around, too, so that there was nothing in left field except grass and the infamous Fenway

EDDIE GAEDEL, St. Louis Brown's midget pinch-hitter, takes on a Murderers Row stance against the Detroit Tigers but ball four is already in catcher Bob Swift's mitt. Umpire Ed Hurley made the call and Gaedel walked right out of baseball.





Lou Boudreau, young Cleveland manager, devised the shift, right, that shackled Ted Williams' power.



fence. The left fielder was stationed in left-center, the center fielder was in right-center and the right fielder had his left instep on the foul stripe.

This was Boudreau's "Williams Shift," a new wrinkle introduced to a staid, old game that caused considerable consternation when it was unveiled in 1946.

On this particular afternoon, the Indians received some unexpected, if irregular and unsolicited, support. An unidentified dwarf and obviously a Cleveland fan who became nervous—or appalled—at the sight of an unattended left side of the diamond, darted on to the field and, equipped with a third baseman's glove, took up a position on defense.

After a "thanks but no thanks" from Boudreau and the Cleveland club and even more stern admonishions from the local constabulary, the dwarf departed without registering his weight, height or uniform size, leaving the sun to shine briefly on Eddie Gaedel five years later.

Meanwhile, the shift goes on. Boudreau's ploy, once thought to be a passing fancy like the twist or the hula hoop or Nehru jackets, has become part of baseball lore and strategy. You don't see it every week or month but it causes anticipatory twittering in dugouts, press boxes and bleachers when you do.

Shifts aren't for everybody. Rod Carew doesn't have to worry about it. Neither does Bill Madlock. Or any bat-control artist who is capable of spraying baseballs to all corners but seldom over fences.

A shift is employed primarily against powerful, dead pull-hitters. It is a percentage play, designed for those types who, 99 times out of 90, hit the ball to one particular side. A Wilver Stargell of Pittsburgh, for instance. Or a John Mayberry of Kansas City.

"Basically," says Frank Robinson, the manager of the Cleveland Indians, "it's a mental game we're playing. You want the hitter to see the shift and you want him to think about it. You're trying to break his concentration and if you can do that, it's worth-while."

And if you can't break a batter's concentration. Robinson maintains, maybe you can break his heart.

"They often use a shift against our Boog Powell, and he often gets upset . . . downright frustrated . . . especially if he hits a ball right on the nose and it lands in the glove of somebody who is playing out of his normal position."

The antidote, Robinson suggests, is for the hitter to take what is generously doled out. "I've seen very few people take advantage of what is given to them on the empty side. Some hitters have a difficult time going with a pitch but there are many others who are capable yet don't try it. I think it might be a matter of pride but there is also some stubborness mixed in with that pride."

Ted Williams was the first to face the shift and the first to disdain it.

"Lou Boudreau had a point to prove," opines Philadelphia Phillies manager Danny Ozark, "and Ted Williams had his pride to sustain. He was just as determined to disprove Boudreau's point."

By the time the 1946 World Series rolled around, the shift was commonplace against Williams and the St. Louis Cardinals, the National League standard-bearer that autumn, wasted no time putting it into operation.

Williams was obstinate about doing things his way. "I'm not paid to hit singles to left field," he remarked at the time. So he didn't hit to left field. In fact, he didn't hit to much of anywhere and when the Series was over and the Cardinals had triumphed in seven games, all Williams could show for his obstinacy was a .200 batting average and one RBI. Additionally, all five of his Series hits were singles.

But while Williams may have had more than his share of pride, he was not what you could refer to as an also-ran in the IQ derby. Hitching up his belt and gnashing his teeth, Williams adopted a different



TED WILLIAMS rubs bat in dugout that beat Indians in first game with three homers, two singles, through right side, but was stopped in second game by Boudreau's shift.

posture during the 1948 season and 70 of his 188 hits that summer went to left field and he wound up batting .369.

"Primarily," says Del Rice, a catcher with the Cardinals during that '46 World Series and now wearing the title of superscout with the California Angels, "the idea of the shift is to take away a guy's power and force him, if possible, to try and get him to hit to his opposite field. When a home run can hurt you, make him settle for a single. It's also a percentage play . . . you're lessening the chances of a hit from the middle of the diamond on the overshifted side."

And isn't that what baseball is supposed to be—

a game of percentages as well as inches?

"Yeah," agrees Robinson. "But what really kills you is when the ball goes through the side of the infield you've already stacked up. That's when you know you were right but still end up being wrong. Looking back, though, I've got to say the shift has helped us more than it has hurt."

It's just that the hurts seem to linger a little longer

in a manager's memory.

Although Boudreau designed the shift as a defense mechanism against lefthand hitters, in succeeding years it has been deployed against righthanders, too. But this involves more than just a calculated risk. It is an out and out gamble because the first baseman, the only infielder remaining on the right side, is obliged to play well off the bag. Occasionally, this leads to embarrassment—both for the manager who called for the shift and the first baseman, especially if the latter isn't too nimble to begin with.

In a game against the Los Angeles Angels in the early 60s, manager Sam Mele of Minnesota shifted against Felix Torres, a notorious pull hitter who was the ideal victim because Felix was also notoriously cumbersome afoot. In fact, if Felix were among eight entrants in a sprint race, he would be no better than even money to finish ninth.

Torres obliged Mele by smashing a hot grounder

to the hole where the shortstop, perfectly positioned, had a routine play to first. But when the shortstop cocked his arm he suddenly realized this was not going to be a routine play because the first baseman, Harmon Killebrew, was nowhere near the bag. Huffing and puffing, Killebrew finally arrived to take the throw but Torres had arrived first. Base hit and much moaning on the Minnesota bench.

Conversely, the same result can occur when a hitter is overplayed to his opposite side because he may have a penchant and history of going the other way. While managing at Montreal, Gene Mauch decided at a critical juncture in the game to shift against the lefthanded hitting Mike Lum, then with the Atlanta Braves. The unusual aspect in this instance was that Mauch shifted to the left side of the infield, playing Lum like a righthand hitter. Lum inadvertently chopped the ball down the first base line where it richocheted off the bag, delivering the winning run and reporters at the scene remarked at the time that Mauch was ready to munch on his baseball cap.

In the American League, you will observe the shift against such lefthanders as Mayberry, Graig Nettles and Reggie Jackson of the New York Yankees, Powell of the Indians, Tony Solaita of California and Jim Spencer of Chicago. Righthanders who must occasionally face such situations include Detroit's Willie Horton, Cleveland's Rico Carty and Boston's Carlton Fisk.

Killebrew often ran into the shift because, as Rice phrased it, "the way he swung, anytime he went to right field, it was an accident." Later in his career, Henry Aaron became more pronounced as a pull hitter and was played that way.

In the National League, Stargell is the primary lefthand target of the shift although you can infrequently see it against Cincinnati's Joe Morgan and Philadelphia's Jay Johnstone. Surprisingly, several prominent righthanders are given attention—like Cincy's Johnny Bench, Ron Cey of Los Angeles, Mike Schmidt and Greg Luzinski of the Phillies and Earl Williams of Montreal.

A favorite when he was terrorizing the NL was Willie McCovey who swung from the heels. When he connected, it was a majestic sight. Even when he missed, the McCovey cut was generally considered to be worth the price of admission because he was seldom cheated. You could also count on one finger, or two at the most, the number of times McCovey tried to lay down a bunt. But on one memorable occasion, he did, with results.

In a game against Philadelphia, Willie Mays reached first base and McCovey, a lefthander, came to the plate. The Phillies immediately assumed the shift defense, three players on the right side and the third baseman situated at the normal shortstop position. Deciding this might be the spot to forget about hitting one into the upper deck in right field, McCovey bunted, quite deftly as a matter of fact, down the third base line. The ball rolled and rolled and rolled—all the way into foul ground in shallow left. Mays scored from first base without a play and McCovey wound up on second, the proud new owner of a two-base hit.

Nettles of the Yanks is not renowned as a bunter,





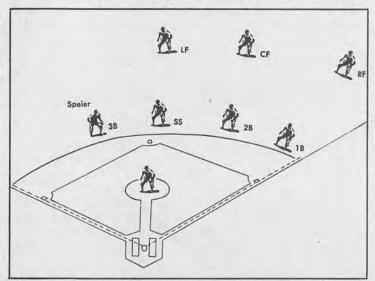
WILLIE STARGELL of the Pirates and Royals' JOHN MAYBERRY are often confronted with many lefthand hitters' shift.

either, but in a 1976 game against Kansas City he broke with tradition. Faced with a stacked right side, Nettles dropped down a beauty that rolled toward the unattended bag at third base.

"It's not very often that I bunt," he said later, somewhat apologetically, "but the way they defense me it was the only thing to do to get them out of their shift." He also emphasized one point: "I wouldn't have done it if I hadn't been leading off the inning."

"Once in a while you'll see someone take advantage of the shift but it's not enough," contends Robinson. "If something is given to you, why not take it?"

BASIC shift for all leftys is risky against a bunt to third and an opposite shift if the first baseman is slow to the bag.



"The shift," says Ozark, "is designed to force the issue. Most managers, I'm sure, would prefer the other team to settle for a single instead of a home run."

And that's probably why more hitters don't attempt to foul up the shift by bunting or trying to stroke the ball to the opposite field.

"Some hitters just aren't equipped to do that," says Rice.

Others, Mayberry contends, don't want to.

"I don't like the shift," he says. "It's just something else to think about. But if you do what the other team wants you to do then you are playing their game and that's not the idea. You want to play your own game. I would think most hitters, especially the power hitters, feel the same way."

Basically, the shift involves the positioning of three infielders on one side of the diamond although, as Ozark points out, "it is more difficult to use it against a righthander because the first baseman can be beaten to the bag if he plays too far out of position. But I've seen first basemen beaten to the bag when they were playing normally."

There aren't too many variations but the San Francisco Giants offered one last summer. Loading up the right side against a lefthand hitter, the Giants stationed their third baseman, Ken Reitz, since returned to St. Louis, just to the right of second base where the shortstop normally would be positioned in the shift. This was designed to allow Chris Speier, who has a stronger throwing arm, to patrol the entire left side.

The shift is expected to endure.

"As long as the percentages keep working in your favor, you'll see it," says Ozark.

Or, he might have added, as long as they keep manufacturing pull hitters.

CINCINNATI REDS RIVERFRONT STADIUM

MANAGER—GEORGE "SPARKY" ANDERS ON (10), COACHES—Ted Kluszewski (18), Russ Nixon (2),
George Scherger (3), Larry Shepard (4), TRAINER—Larry Starr.

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MANAGER—TOM LASORDA (52). COACHES—Jim Gilliam (19), Monty Basgall (54), Red Adams (26), Preston Gomez (28). TRAINER—William Buhler.

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HOUSTON ASTROS THE ASTRODOME

MANAGER—BILL VIRDON (7). COACHES—Mel Wright (2), Tony Pacheco (3), Deacon Jones (4), Bob Lillis (5).

TRAINER—Jim Ewell.

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SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS CANDLESTICK PARK

MANAGER—JOE ALTOBELLI (6). COACHES—Jim Davenport (9), Bob Winkles (5), Herm Starrette (23), Tom Haller (8). TRAINER—Joe Liscio.

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SAN DIEGO PADRES SAN DIEGO STADIUM

MANAGER—JOHN McNAMARA (1). COACHES—Don Williams (28), Bob Skinner (4), Roger Craig (38),

Joe Amalfitano (5), Whitey Wietelman (19). TRAINER—John Mattei, Angelo Tunis.

Visalia Cincinnati Kansas City Walnut Creek, Cal. Pass-A Grill, Fla. Cedar Glen, Cal.	Missouri City, Tex. Duarte, Cal. Poway, Cal. Monterey Park, Cal. Puxico, Mo.	Sacramento, Cal. Detroit Bakersfield Edina Redondo, Wash. San Diego Manchester, O. La Grange, Ill.	Locust Grove, Okla. Woodland Hills, Cal. San Ramon, Cal. Warwick, RI Covington, Ky. Montgomery Puerto La Cruz, Ven. San Diego, Cal. Piedmont, Cal. Jensen Beach, Fla.	Inglewood, Cal. Aibonito Montgomery, O. Alexandria, La. Stamford Belvedere, Cal. San Diego, Cal.
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ATLANTA BRAVES ATLANTA STADIUM

MANAGER—DAVE BRISTOL (1). COACHES—Vern Benson (8), Eddie Haas (5), Johnny Sain (7).

Chris Cannizzaro (6). TRAINER—Dave Pursley

Residence	Modesto	Little Rock	Carrollton, Ga.	Berwyn, III.	Lyons Carnegie, Pa.	Crockett, Tex.	Pensacola	Los Osos, Cal.	Gilroy, Cal.	Cuitahuac, Mex.	East Lansing, Mich.	Tulsa	Hurst, Tex.	Corona Del Mar, Cal.	Decatur, Ga.	Barquisimeto, Ven.	Charleston	Statesboro, da.	Bethel Park, Pa.	St. Louis Woodland Hills, Cal.		Atlanta, Ga.	Lilburn, Ga. Atlanta, Ga.	Caguas, P.R.	Atlanta, Ga.		San Antonio, Tex.	Atlanta, Ga.	Santa Ynez, Cal.	Long Beach	San Fernando, Cal.	Richmond, Cal.	Atlanta, Ga. Yorba Linda, Cal.	
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PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES VETERANS STADIUM

MANAGER—DANNY OZARK (3). COACHES—Carroll Beringer (1), Billy De Mars (2), Ray Rippelmeyer (4), Bobby Wine (7). TRAINER—Don Seger.

Residence Los Gatos, Cal. Napa, Cal. Chesterfield, Mo. Ardmore, Pa. Elizabethtown, Pa. Philadelphia, Pa. Kingsport Rancho Cordova, Cal. Scituate, Mass. Poway, Cal. Decatur, Ga. Tampa Blackwood, N.J. Portland Sicklerville, N.J. St. Joseph	San Diego Medford, N.J. Memphis Clearwater, Fla.	Chicago, III. Wynnewood, Pa. San Francisco Detroit, Mich. Cantano, P. Rico Medford, N.J. Boston Sicklerville, N.J. Maitland, Fla. Aberdeen, Miss. W. Berlin, N.J. Brea, Cal.	Anderson, Cal. Buena Park, Cal. San Marino, Cal. Medford, N.J. W. Berlin, N.J. Blackwood, N.J. Compton, Cal. El Cajon, Cal. Kansas City, Kan. Winter Park, Fla. Salt Lake City, Ut. Carrollton, Tex. Lindenwold, N.J.
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PITTSBURGH PIRATES THREE RIVERS STADIUM

MANAGER—CHUCK TANNER (4). COACHES—Joe Lonnett (3), Jose Pagan (2), Larry Sherry (43), Al Monchak (42). TRAINER—Tony Bartirome.

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NEW YORK METS SHEA STADIUM

MANAGER—JOE FRAZIER (55). COACHES—Tom Burgess (53), Denny Sommers (51), Joe Pignatano (52), Al "Rube" Walker (54), Willie Mays (24). TRAINERS—Tom McKenna and Joe Deer.

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CHICAGO CUBS WRIGLEY FIELD

MANAGER—HERMAN FRANKS (3). COACHES—Alvin Dark (4), "Peanuts" Lowrey (2), Barney Schultz (6), Randy Hundly (5). TRAINER—Tony Garafalo.

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MANAGER—VERN RAPP (6). COACHES—Lou Brock (20), Jack Krol (8), Mo Mozzali (4), Claude Osteen (18),
Sonny Ruberto (3). TRAINER—Gene Gieselman.

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MANAGER-DICK WILLIAMS (23). COACHES-Jim Brewer

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Date and Place of Birth	10/ 4/54—Chatham, Ontario	6/ 5/54—Middletown, O	5/31/43—Holdenville, Okla.	11/ 5/52—Utica, N.Y. 9/15/49—Lynwood, Cal. 7/ 5/52—Glen Cove. N.Y.	CA	8/ 3/54—Jackson, Minn.	3/ 6/52—Binghamton, N.Y.	4/21/53—San Pedro, Cal.	1/30/54—Philadelphia, Pa.	3/11/55—Stratford, Ontario	8/21/52—Pittsburgh, Pa.	2/14/52—Springfield,O. 7/27/54—Racine, Wis.	10/26/49—Jefferson City, Mo. 2/12/51—DuQuoin, III.	12/ 1/52—Omaha, Neb.	4/ 8/54—Culver City, Cal.	2/16/52—Smithfield, N.C. 12/30/44—St. Croix, V.I.	7/14/48-Newark, N.J.	6/11/48—Utica, N.Y. 12/, 8/50—Culver City, Cal.	7/14/48—SP de M., Dom. Rep. 12/ 3/47—Brooksville. Flas.	8/16/48—Possoic N I	8/ 1/51—Chicago, III. 5/14/42—Camagney, Cuba	11/10/53-Winter Haven, Fla.	10/16/53-Indianapolis, Ind.		9/29/53—Miami, Fia.	7/10/54—Miami, Fla.	5/ 0/52 Santiago Dom Ben	Total de la contra dela contra de la contra de la contra de la contra de la contra dela contra de la contra del la contra del la contra de la contra del	70/7	12/ 5/54—Covina, Cal.	12/ 9/44—Decatur, III.	7/30/54—Helena, Ark.	
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NEW YORK YANKEES YANKEE STADIUM

MANAGER—BILLY MARTIN (1). COACHES—Dick Howser (34), Elston Howard (32), Yogi Berra (8),

Cloyd Boyer (21), Bobby Cox (33). TRAINER—Gene Monahan.

Residence Lynchburg Hackensack, N.J. Bayamon, P. Rico Carencro, La. Lynn Victoria Lincolnshire, III. Columbia Hertford New York, N.Y. Lansford, Pa. Syracus, N.Y. Kansas City, Mo.	Holyoke Tampa Randallstown, Md. Norwood, N.J.	Salinas Park Ridge, III. Riverdale, N.Y. Huntington Beach, Cal. Costa Mesa, Cal. Hackensack, N.J. Miami Tempe, Ariz.	Yonkers, N.Y. Towson, Md. Riverdale, N.Y. Chula Vista, Cal. Montgomery, Ala. Tempe, Ariz. Pembroke, N.C. Chicago, III. Chicago Tampa Hackensack, N.J. Wayne, N.J. Blythe Missouri Citv. Tex.
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BALTIMORE ORIOLES MEMORIAL STADIUM

MANAGER—EARL WEAVER (4). COACHES—George Bamberger (31), Billy Hunter (55), Jim Frey (41), Cal Ripken (47). TRAINER—Ralph Salvon.

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BOSTON RED SOX FENWAY PARK
MANAGER—DON ZIMMER (34). COACHES—Johnny Pesky (35). Al Jackson (32), Walt Hriniak (33).
TRAINER—Edward "Buddy" Leroux.

Residence Anaheim, Cal. Rochester, Mich. San Diego, Ca. St. Petersburg, Fla. Coronado, Cal. Blenheim, Ont. Wyoming, Mich. Stoughton, Mass. Laguna Beach, Cal. No. Atteboro, Mass. San Antonio Kearny, N.J. Milton, Mass. Red Bank Modesto, Cal. Chesterfield, Mo. Coopersville, Mich.	Cua Raymond, N.H. Mobile Dedham, Mass. Midwest City, Okla. Saltillo, Miss. Crestwood, Ky. Great Neck, N.Y. Walnut, Cal. Bessemer, Ala. Lynnfield, Mass. Bocton, Mass. Boca Raton, Fla. Lynnfield, Mass. Boca Raton, Fla. Lynnfield, Mass. Boca Raton, Fla. Cerritos, Cal. Lynnfield, Mass. Placentia, Cal. Cerritos, Cal. Cerritos, Cal. Lynnfield, Mass. Placentia, Cal. Charlestown, N.H.
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CLEVELAND INDIANS MUNICIPAL STADIUM

MANAGER—FRANK ROBINSON (20), COACHES—Harvey Haddix (2), Jeff Torborg (7), Joe Nossek (4), Rocky Colavito (6). TRAINER—Jim Warfield

Residence	Effingham Madison Hts., Va.	Avondale, Ariz.	N. Royalton, O. N. Royalton, O.	Blue Springs, Mo. Rochester, N.Y.		N. Ridgeville, O. N. Royalton, O.	Levelland Johnstown	Briggs, Okla.	Hammond, Ind.	N. Royalton, O.	E. Point, Ga.	Tracy, Cal. Torrance Flint	Cincipulati O	Del Rio Dominican Rep. Chagrin Falls, O.	Miami, Fla.	Dominican Rep.	Sturtevant, Wis. Mission Viejo, Cal.	Stockton Key West, Fla.	W. Chester, Pa.	San Diego, Cal.		Santa Monica, Cal.	San Diego, Cal. Niagara Falls Seaford, N.Y.	Dogarusa
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DETROIT TIGERS TIGER STADIUM

MANAGER—RALPH HOUK (35). COACHES—Jim Hegan (50), Fred Hatfield (51), Fred Gladding (52),
Dick Tracewski (53). TRAINER—Bill Behm.

Residence Sacramento Broken Arrow, Okla. Youngstown Belleville, Mich. Northboro, Mass. Flushing Belleville, Mich. Duluth, Minn. South Lyon, Mich. Livonia, Mich. Livonia, Mich. Belmar, NJ Rutland, Mass. Anaheim, Cal.	Canoga Park, Cal. Norway, Iowa Palmetto, Fla. Diamond Bar, Cal. Wilmington, Del.	Lajas Cheektowaga, NY Rancho Cordova, Cal. Cananea Baltimore, Md. Apple Valley, Cal. Islip, NY Ashtabula, O.	Covina, Cal. Tucson, Ariz. Detroit, Mich. Arcadia, Cal. Detroit, Mich. Detroit Southgate, Mich. West Bloomfield, Mich. Houston, Tex. Bayside, NY
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MILWAUKEE BREWERS COUNTY STADIUM

MANAGER—ALEX GRAMMAS (2). COACHES—Jimmy Bragan (24), Hal Smith (37), Cal McLish (38),
Frank Howard (33), Harvey Kuenn (32). TRAINER—Curt Rayer.

Residence	Milwaukee, Wis. San Diego Santiago Tampa, Fla. Poway, Cal. Owings Mills, Md. Fresno, Cal. Colden, NY Mill Run, Pa. Barceloneta Hales Corner, Wisc. Lancaster, Cal. Greenfield, Wis.	Barboursville, Va. Peninsula, O. Birmingham	Danville, Cal. Brenham Eden Mequon, Wis. Brenham Las Cruces, N. Mex. Rio Piedras Vineland, NJ Montebello Manati, P. Rico Whittier Chicago, III. Dupo, III. Charleston Kansas City, Mo.
Date and Place of Birth	7/24/52—Kewaunee, Wis. 8/22/52—San Diego, Cal. 12/13/53—Santiago, Dom. Rep. 4/15/56—Toronto, Ontario 3/ 4/46—San Francisco, Cal. 4/22/56—Baltimore, Md. 7/11/53—Frederick, Md. 10/ 2/53—Buffalo, N.Y. 8/ 1/54—Connellsville, Pa. 3/ 6/52—Barceloneta, P. Rico 7/ 8/41—St. Louis, Mo. 6/19/50—Long Beach, Cal. 10/27/52—Norwood, Mass.	11/19/42—Charlottesville, Va. 12/19/45—Akron, O. 6/21/53—Birmingham, Ala.	2/13/44—Cleveland, O. 10/20/49—Brenham, Tex. 1/5/53—Eden, Wis. 7/21/42—Ceveland, O. 7/11/49—Brenham, Tex. 7/22/49—Grand Forks, ND 11/6/52—Rio Piedras, P. Rico 6/7/47—Washington, DC 11/27/50—Montebello, Cal. 9/27/44—Glendale, Cal. 9/16/55—Danville, III. 5/1/48—Oakland, Cal. 11/28/53—Long Beach, Cal. 5/1/48—Oakland, Cal. 11/28/53—Lima, Cal. 1/18/50—Lima, O. 5/9/51—Birmingham, Ala. 12/12/50—Charleston, SC 2/28/51—Visalia, Cal.
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KANSAS CITY ROYALS MUNICIPAL STADIUM

MANAGER—WHITEY HERZOG (24). COACHES—Galen Cisco (36), Steve Boros (14), Chuck Hiller (4), Charley Lau (27). TRAINER—Jim Dudley.

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OAKLAND ATHLETICS OAKLAND-ALAMEDA STADIUM

MANAGER—JACK McKEON (31). COACHES—Cal Ermer (41), Lee Stange (42), Red Schoendienst (43).
TRAINER—Joe Romo.

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	Date and Place of Birth	12/15/44—Council Bluffs, Ia.	8/24/54—Los Angeles, Cal.	7/28/49—Mansfield, La.		8/25/53—Fredericksburg, Va. 8/9/41—Chanute, Kan.	3/20/54—Detroit, Mich.	4/14/54-Santa Rosa, Cal.	8/19/50-Worcester, Mass.	3/19/55-San Francisco, Cal.	9/21/47—Lancaster, Pa. 8/28/46—Topeka Kan.	9/18/53—Minneapolis, Minn.		1/24/52-McCloud, Cal.	9/11/48-Fort Worth, Tex.	3/21/44—Colon, Panama		7/12/38-Macon, Ga.	4/30/49-Jefferson City, Tenn.	1/14/52—Riverside, Cal.	5/ 5/41—Charlotte, N.C. 7/ 3/55—Pomona, Cal.	10/10/49—Martinez, Cal.	6/ 1/42—Oxnard, Cal. 12/22/50—Brooklyn, N.Y.		1/30/47—Shreveport, La. 10/ 9/51—Lexington, Ky.	2/15/56—San Rafael, Cal.	1/ 9/52-West Point, Miss.	3/18/55—Merced, Cal.	5/15/46—Seattle, Wash.	4/17/54—Farmingdale, N.J.	8/31/54—Los Angeles, Cal.	7/28/53—Elmira, N.Y.
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MINNESOTA TWINS METROPOLITAN STADIUM

MANAGER—GENE MAUCH (4). COACHES—Tony Oliva (6), Karl Kuehl (41), Don McMahon (42),

Jerry Zimmerman (43). TRAINER—Dick Martin.

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TEXAS RANGERS ARLINGTON PARK

MANAGER—FRANK LUCCHESI (44). COACHES—Connie Ryan (41), Pat Corrales (45), Fred Koenig (47),
Sid Hudson (54). TRAINER—Bill Zeigler.

Residence	Birmingham, Ala.	Dallas	Trevose, Pa.	Mission Viejo, Cal.	Austin, Tex.	Greensburg, Pa.	Alice	Arlington, Tex.	Blue Springs, Mo.	Stone Mt., Ga.	Williamston	Spring, Tex.	Sayre Valencia, Cal.	Reston, Va.		E. Lyme, Conn.	Milwaukee Arlington, Tex.	Rautown Mo	Anaheim, Cal.	LePlace, La.	Bedford, Tex.	Arlington, 1ex.	San Antonio	Orlando, Fla.		San Sebastian	York, Pa.	Pittsfield Saratoga Cal		Danbury	Milwaukee, Wisc.	Arington, 1ex.	Charlotte, N.C.
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CALIFORNIA ANGELS ANAHEIM STADIUM

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CHICAGO WHITE SOX COMISKEY PARK

MANAGER—BOB LEMON (21). COACHES—Minnie Minoso (9), Larry Doby (14), Stan Williams (31), Bobby Knoop (29). TRAINER—Charley Saad.

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TORONTO BLUE JAYS EXHIBITION STADIUM

MANAGER—ROY HARTSFIELD (7). COACHES—Don Leppert (43), Harry Warner (41), Jackie Moore (42),
Bob Miller (15), Bobby Doerr (31). TRAINER—Ken Carson.

Residence Chicago, III. Downers Grove, III. Lakeside, Calif. Chicago Corona, Calif. Fremont, Calif.	Merced, Calif. Palm Springs, Calif. Austin, Tex. Coos Bay, Ore. Midlothian Baldwin, N.Y.	Villa Park, Calif. Conemaugh Nashville Mission Viejo, Calif.	Newark San Diego, Calif. Paducah Roseville, Mich.	Beaumont Connellsville Guayama Pearland, Tex. Mountain View, Calif. Blue Lake, Calif. Theodore, Ala. Vancouver Cerritos, Calif. Downey, Calif.	Oklahoma City, Okla. Lewisburg Las Vegas, Nev. Pineville, La. Ponce Oakland Santa Barbara
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SEATTLE MARINERS KINGDOME

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ALL STAR GAME AT YANKEE STADIUM TUESDAY, JULY 19, 8:30 P.M.

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MINNESOTA TWINS COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. Aug. 8

HALL OF FAME GAME PHILADELPHIA PHILADELPHIA PHILADELPHIA PHILIES

OFFICIAL 1977 NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE CHARLES S. FEENEY, President, National League

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CHICAGO		May 13 e, 14, 15, 16 June 27 e, 28 e 29 ept. 14 e, 15 e	Apr. 15, 16, 17 July 12, 13, 14 Sept. 16, 17, 18	Apr. 110, 130, 310, 311, 311, 311, 311, 311,	une 3 e, 4 e, 5 Nug. 8 e, 9 e, 10 e sept. 30 e	May 30, 316 June 16, 30 July 16, 26, 3 Sept. 126, 136	May 19 0, 20 0. 21 0, 22 Aug. 24 0, 25 0	Apr. 29 e, 30 e May 1 Aug. 1e, 2e, 3e	May 90. 100, 110	June 17 . 18 . 19 Aug. 20 . 30 31 .	June 14 . 15	June 20 0, 210, 22
MONTREAL	May 24, 25, 26 July 4, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 7, 8		Apr. 26 e, 27 e May 30, 31 e July 8e, 9, 10 Sept. 5, 6	Apr. 9, 10 Aug. 10(TN), 11 Sept. 29, 30	Apr. 12. 13 June 24., 25, 26, 26 Sept. 99, 100, 11	May 27 e, 28 e, 29 Aug. 12 e, 13 e, 14 Sept. 26 e, 27 e, 28 e	May 170, 180 Aug. 40, 50, 60	June 10 . 11 . 12, 12 Aug. 22 . 23 .	June 13 14	Apr. 29 e, 30 e May 1 July 21 e, 22 e, 23 e	May 6. 7. 8. 8. 3 July 26. 27.	May 3 . 4, 5
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ST. LOUIS	Apr. 25, 26, 27 July 7, 8, 9, 10 Sept. 5, 6	June 3 0, 4 0, 5 July 15 0, 16 0, 17 Sept. 20 0, 21 0,	Apr. 12, 13, 14 Aug. 8 9 9 10 Sept. 23 9, 24, 25	Apr. 22 e, 23 e, 24 July 12 e, 13 e, 14 e Sept. 9 e, 10 e, 11	Apr. 7, 9, 10 July 4, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 7, 8	\	May 130, 140, 15	May 20, 40 July 29(TN), 300, 31	May 17 • 18 • Aug. 5 • , 6(TN), 7	June 20 0 , 21 0 , 22 0 Aug. 26 0 , 27 0 , 28	June 17 e, 18 e, 19 Aug. 29 e, 30 e, 31 e	June 14. 15. 16 Sept. 2., 3, 4
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d-6 p.m.

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CLEV.	June 30, 40, 5 Aug. 22(TN)	June 6 . 8 Aug. 19 ., 20, 21	June 10 . 11 . 12 Aug. 24(TN)	Apr. 110. 130, 140, 140, 170	May 20 0. 21 0. 22 July 27 0. 28 0	May 16 . 17 . Aug. 5, 6, 7	May 13 . 14, 15 Aug. 10 . 11	Apr. 29 . 30 May 1. 1. Aug. 2(TN), 3	June 1 . 2 . 26, 26, 26 Sept. 19 . 20	~	June 20 . 21	Apr. 180, 190, 200 Aug. 80, 90 Sept. 90, 100,	July 4 . 5	Apr. 7, 9, 10 July 21 22 23 Aug. 31 . Sept. 1
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Lynn, Bos.		132	48	2	1	67	9	Monday, Chi.	.507		60	8	2	125	7
Carew, Minn.	.463	156	67	14	1	52	12	Kingman, N.Y.	.506		28	4	5	135	11
Brett, K.C.		159	49	4	1	36	8	Madlock, Chi.	.500	142	56	15		27	21
McRae, K.C.		149	64	7	8	43	13	Luzinski, Phil.	.478	149	50		11	107	11
Tenace, Oak.		128 145	81 36	3 2	10	91	7	Parker, Pitt.	.475	138 155	30 52	6	2	80 96	16 20
Hendrick, Clev.		149	51	6	0	82	16	Cey, L.A.	.462	145	89	13	3	74	11
May, Balt.		148	41	8	3	104	11	Watson, Hou.	.458	157	62	10	4	64	12
Otis, K.C.	.444	153	55	7	5	100	13	Maddox, Phil.	.456	146	42	8	4	59	10
Carty, Clev.		152	67	9	0	45	18	Cedeno, Hou.	.454	150	55	9	1	51	16
Chambliss, N.Y.		156	27	1	3	80	11	Perez, Cin.	.452	139	50	9	5	88	10
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Belanger, Balt.		153	51	0	2	64	6	Allen, Phil.	.480	85	37	2	0	63	13
Bell, Clev.		159	44	3	0	49	12	Baker, L.A.	.307	112	31	3	1	54	15
Blanks, Clev. Bochte, Calif.		104 146	30 64	11	2	53	12	Bench, Cin. Boone, Phil.	.394	135 121	81 45	6	2	95	9
Bonds, Calif.		99	41	6	3	90	7	Bowa, Phil.	.301	156	32	3	0	31	11
Bostock, Mill.		128	33	5	1	37	15	Brock, St.L.	.394	133	35	7	1	75	19
Braun, Minn.		122	67	2	1	43	5	Buckner, L.A.	.389	154	26	6	1	26	8
Brohamer, Chi.		119	44	9	3	28	9	Cabell, Hou.	.329	144	29	1	2	79	13
Burleson, Bos.		152	60	2	5 2	37	15	Cardenal, Chi.	.401	136	32	0	1	39	5
Burroughs, Tex.	.369	158 149	69	0	3	93	4	Carter, Mtl.	.309	91	30	2	1	43	7
Clines, Tex.		116	16	0	4	52	17	Chaney, Atl.	.345	160 153	54	7	2	13 92	16
Cooper, Bos.		123	16	6	1	62	3	Concepcion, Cin.	.401	152	49	11	1	68	11
Cowens, K.C.	.341	152	26	0	3	50	9	Crawford, St.L.	.441	120	37	6	1	53	10
Cubbage, Milw104, Tex14		118	49	3	3	44	11	Cruz, H., St.L.	.338	151	42	7	2	119	13
Decinces, Balt.	.357	129	29	1	2	68	11	Cruz, J., Hou.	.401	133	53	5	0	46	6
Dent, Chi.		158 146	43 57	3	6	45 92	10	Davis, W., S.D.	.375	141	19	2	2	34	6
Fisk, Bos.		134	56	3	6	71	11	Driessen, Cin. Evans, AtlS.F.	.402	98	43	2 4	0	32	11 5
Gamble, N.Y.		110	38	4	4	38	4	Ferguson, L.ASt.L.	.353	136 125	72 57	4	2	71 81	9
Garner, Oak.		159	36	1	2	71	11	Foli, Mtl.	.366	149	16	1	Õ	33	15
Grich, Balt.		144	86	1	3	99	8	Fuentes, S.D.	.310	135	18	0	1	38	12
Grieve, Tex.		149	35 97	13	6	119	18	Garrett, N.YMtl.	.311	139	82	12	1	46	6
Hargrove, Tex.		151 155	91	5	3	59	17	Geronimo, Cin.	.414	149	56	13	6	95	6
Hisle, Minn,		155	56	4	4	93	11	Hebner, Pitt. Henderson, K., Atl.	.366	132 133	62	2 7	4	39	5
Horton, Det.		114	49	7	2	63	16	Hernandez, K., St.L.	.428	129	49	5	3	68 53	12
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Jackson, Ron, Calif.	LP G. W1011	127	30	1	7	58	10	Johnson, Hou.	.399	108	62	6	4	59	9
Johnson, Alex, Det.		125	19	1 2	2	49	15	Johnstone, Phil.	.457	129	41	5	2	39	9
Kuiper, Clev.		135	51	2	2	111	12	Kendall, S.D.	.296	146	36	4	3	42	20
Lemon, Chi.	.328		28		7	65	9	Kessinger, St.L. Kranepool, N.Y.	.313	145	61	5	1	51	13
Lezcano, Milw.	.382	145	51	2	2	112	7	Matthews, S.F.	.410	123 156	35 75	4	0	38	10
Manning, Clev.	.393	138	41	1	0	75	11	McCovey, S.D.	.351	71	21	7	1	39	4
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(Incidents in 1976)

CLEVELAND manager Frank Robinson made his 10,000th plate appearance on Aug. 14, flying out to center against the Texas Rangers. Only nine other players reached that plateau: Hank Aaron, Ty Cobb, Stan Musial, Honus Wagner, Brooks Robinson, Luis Aparicio, Tris Speaker, Al Kaline and Rabbit Maranville.

BROOKS Robinson, Orioles' veteran third baseman, has played in 2728 games, most with the same team than anyone in American League history.

CALIFORNIA ace Nolan Ryan, who has fashioned four no-hitters, would have had eight except for four spoilers: Denny Doyle, Carl Yastrzemski, Thurman Munson and Alex Johnson. All four smacked first inning hits that ruined Ryan's no-hit bid.

BILLY Williams, who played with the A's last year, alone shattered four dreams for a no-hitter; Warren Spahn, Cardinals in 1961; Woodie Fryman, Pirates, 1966; Steve Blass, Pirates, 1969 and Phil Niekro, Braves, 1970.

REGGIE Jackson, with Baltimore, tied an AL record when he hit six consecutive game home runs from July 18, ending on July 23 against the Brewers. He also holds the record for most consecutive seasons, 9, 100-or-more strikeouts (108 in 1976).

BET you didn't know that Ron Blomberg's bat is on display in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown. It's there because the Yankee outfielder was the first designated hitter.

PIRATES and Reds tied the major league record of seven homers, none on base, in a nine-inning game on June 7: Joe Morgan (2) and Pete Rose, Reds; Al Oliver, Willie Stargell, Bill Robinson and Richie Zisk, Pirates. The record was set in 1974, when the White Sox beat Cleveland 5-2.

JULY 15, when the White Sox won over the Brewers, 5-2, in a 10-inning game, all the runs came on homeruns. Chet Nelson homered for the Sox in the first and Jack Brohamer connected in the second. George Scott tied it for the Brewers with a 3-run homer and Pat Kelly homered with a man on in the tenth.

JOE Niekro, Houston righthander, hit the first homer of his 10 big-league seasons on May 29 off Atlanta's Phil Niekro, his brother. Joe's smash in the seventh inning tied the score, but the Braves went on to win it 4-3.

JIM Kaat, Phillies' lefthander, hit the 15th home run of his major league career (his first in the NL) on May 31 and held the Cubs to six hits for a 4-1 victory.

DON Sutton became the 28th hurler in major league history to record 2000 strikeouts when he wiffed nine Atlanta Braves, July 26, in a 6-2 win. Sutton is the fourth Dodger pitcher, joining Don Drysdale (2486), Sandy Koufax (2396) and Dazzy Vance (2045) of the old Brooklyn Dodgers.

CHICAGO White Sox retired the No. 2 jersey of the late Nellie Fox who died of cancer. It is only the second number retired by the Sox, The other one was Luke Appling's No. 4.

DETROIT reliever John Hiller won both games of a twinight doubleheader against Milwaukee on June 1. Eduardo Rodriguez, Brewers' reliever, was charged with both defeats.

IN 1975, Seattle Mariner infielder Bill Stein, then a member of the White Sox, smashed a Grand Slam homer off Pete Broberg. Now they're Seattle teammates..

WHEN Yankees' Catfish Hunter won his 16th game last season, he became only the 70th pitcher in baseball history to post 200 career wins. The only two others who are active are Gaylord Perry of the Texas Rangers and Ferguson Jenkins, Red Sox.

STEVE Yeager, young Dodger catcher, suffered a freak accident on Sept. 6 in San Diego Stadium, while waiting in the on-deck circle. When Bill Russell hit a ground ball to third, his bat shatered and the broken edge of the fat end flew into Steve's neck. Rushed to a hospital, he went through 90 minutes of surgery by Dr. Paul Buhler, Padres' team physician, who removed nine huge splinters. X-rays disclosed no broken bones.

PETE Rose, floundering in a one for 31 slump in August, beat out a bunt single for his 2700th hit of his career on Aug. 16, during the Reds' 4-3 loss to the Braves. Pete's 215 hits last season is the eighth time he accomplished the feat, only one shy of the major league record, held by Ty Cobb.

TOBY Harrah, Ranger's shortstop, got into the record book when he did not accept a chance in a doubleheader against the White Sox on June 25. He didn't have a putout or assist in either game. The old record was one chance, set by Travis Jackson with the New York Giants in 1934.

NEW York Mets scored their 1000th victory, rallying over the Montreal Expos, 4-1 on the night of May 22.

BECAUSE River Front Stadium (51,786 seats) and Yankee Stadium (54,028) are two big ball parks, the Reds and Yanks drew record shares of the World Series gate. Reds received \$888,420.95 and Yanks \$666,315.71.

BERT Campaneris, at Oakland, extended his AL record of most caught stealing, lifetime, to 157.

WALTER Alston, retired Los Angeles Dodgers' manager for 23 seasons, was skipner of all four World Championship teams in Dodger history (1955, 1959, 1963, 1965) and has guided the Dodgers to seven pennants (1955, 1956,



BROOKS ROBINSON says they'll have to pull his uniform off his back.

1959, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1974). Only four managers have won more pennants than Alston—Casey Stengel (10). John McGraw (10), Joe McCarthy (9) and Connie Mack (9). Only three managers have won more World Series than Alston—Stengel (7), McCarthy (7) and Mack (5).

MAJOR LEAGUE RECORDS SET, 1976 (* extended own record)

Most home runs, first baseman, lifetime, 386, Willie McCovey*, San Diego—Most seasons, 100 or more strikeouts, 12 (also consecutive), Willie Stargell*. Pitts-burgh—Most games, pinch-hitter, season. 82, Jose Morales, Montreal; Most at-bats, pinch-hitter, 78; Most hits, pinch-hitter, season, 25.—Lowest Earned Run Average, lifetime, (2000 or more innings) 2.47, Tom Seaver,* N.Y. Mets and Most seasons, consecutive, 200 or more strikeouts, 9.—Most sacrifice flys allowed lifetime, 109, Jim Kaat, Philadelphia.

Most games, pitcher, rookie season, 77, Butch Metzger, San Diego, Most games won, consecutive, start of career, relief pitcher, 12—Most saves, lifetime, 159, Sparky Lyle*, N. Y. Yankees—Most seasons, 300 or more strikeouts, 4, Nolan Ryan, California.—Most. caught stealing, lifetime, 266, Lou Brock,* St.

Highest fielding percentage, shortstop, lifetime, (1000 or more games) 979, Larry Bowa, Philadelphia—Most chances accepted, no errors, pitcher, season, 112, Randy Jones, San Diego—Lifetime records set by Brooks Robinson*, third base, Orioles, Most seasons, 22; Highest fielding percentage, 971; Most games, 2855; Most total chances accepted, 8868; Most putouts, 2691; Most assists, 6177; Most double plays, 616.

Lifetime records set by Bill Freehan*,

Lifetime records set by Bill Freehan*, catcher, Detroit, Highest fielding percentage, (minimum 1000 games), .993; Most total chances, 10,734; Most chances accepted, 10,662; Most putouts, 9941.

Highest fielding percentage, outfielder, lifetime (minimum 1000 games). .992, Mickey Stanley.



By BOB SNYDER

Keen baseball writer for Syracuse's Herald-Journal Bob Snyder has covered AAA International League for the past twelve years.

MINOR LEAGUES KEY TO THE MAJORS

LOUDER VOICE WITHIN MINORS FOR TRIPLE A IN DEALINGS WITH MAJOR BRASS

He could never be accused of being a czar. . . . There simply no longer exists at the minor league level any great power.

Members of the National Association survive at the whim and direction of the major leagues, the parent clubs who foot a large portion of the bill.

But now-and even moreso, no doubt, in 1978-Triple A will at least have a more potent voice within the minors, a more unified front to present in dealings with the Lords of Baseball. That's because of the unprecedented position now held by 39-year-old Roy Jackson, who added the presidency of the International League at the winter meetings in Los Angeles to his previously-held post of Pacific Coast League prexy.

And the hand-writing is on the wall for '78. . . . All of Triple A, 26 teams—American League expansionists Seattle and Toronto must operate AAA teams next year-under one umbrella. . . . One central office for administra-

tive purposes.

"It won't necessarily be me (who heads all of Triple A)," said Jackson, who lives and works out of Paoli, Pa., near Philadelphia. "And it won't necessarily be Joe Ryan (whose term as American Association boss ends with the '77 season).... It may be the two of us together.

"I didn't seek this job. I was approaced by one or two IL members. Frankly," Jackson admits, "I was a little surprised. The subject of combining the Triple A offices has been thrown around for about eight years. . . . I'm surprised it's being tried in sort of an experimental approach."

Jackson, a University of Penn-

sylvania grad and father of four, was in the stock brokerage business from '61-66. He then began his baseball career in a Phillies' training program when Bob Carpenter and John Quinn ran the ballclub. Jackson was Eastern League prez from '71-73, has been PCL boss since '74.

"I do it mostly by phone and mail. If there's a major problem," said Jackson, who's run the PCL from 3000 miles away, "I go.

"The mechanics of a combined Triple A office," Jackson concedes, "present some problems. You'd need a full-time secretary, probably another administrator. There'd be more paperwork; say, 2-3 protests in different leagues at the same time. . . . But there are more advantages than disadvantages. Triple A representation in the National Association has not been that great," admits Jackson, who replaced longtime IL prexy George Sisler Jr. (now general manager of the IL's returning Columbus franchise).

Upon leaving his IL post for the more competitive side of the game, Sisler said, "There are times in this job you do absolutely nothing. . . . You're powerless to act." Jackson feels the minors and majors have gotten along quite well over the years, but admits there are some things in the relationship which leave him peeved.

"A couple of years ago," he recalled, "a team in the PCL must have gone for a month with 16 players. They had a pitcher playing the outfield. . . . That's uncalled for. . . . And I can't see it when a player is called up just to sit on the big league bench."

Jackson won't say that Double A ball is near death. He acknowledged, "There's been a move in the majors to drop the AA committment from 24 to 18 teams. . . . There are several AA cities which fit in geographically and population-wise for AAA. . . . Besides, some could remain in AA, while the rest wind up in a lower classification.

Jackson is hoping for more uniformity within Triple A. But he's not going to try and ram it down anybody's throat. "In the Eastern League, we were among the first to use the Designated Hitter. I think," said Jackson, "it created more fan interest. . . . I'd certainly like to see all umpires receive the same instruction. We'd all love to see the Junior World Series come

JOHN STEARNS is ready to take over as the N.Y. Mets No. 1 catcher.





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"Now, the World Classic concept of a few years ago was good. But the thing (in Hawaii) was not run particularly well. . . . Perhaps we could try something like that again, in the central part of the country. It might be economically possible then."

Jackson sees Triple A having become a game for younger guys. "The trend the last five years has been more and more young Triple A ballclubs. . . . Expansion is an unsettling thing. . . . It lowers the caliber of play in every level of the game," said Jackson.

"I hope it ends after '78."

There are four managers who've moved up from the Minors in '76 to skipper big league clubs in '77. And three of them copped AAA flags last season.

Joe Altobelli, whose Rochester club won the IL pennant, has taken over in San Francisco. Roy Hartsfield moves from pennantwinning Hawaii (PCL) to expansionist Toronto. And Vern Rapp goes from flag-waving Denver (American Association) to St. Louis. Also, Jack McKeon returns to a big league managerial post with Oakland, after piloting Richmond (IL).

Once again the Minors attracted more than 11,000,000 patrons to ball parks from Quebec City to Fort Lauderdale, Walla Walla to Lodi, Honolulu to Mexico City.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES-When has this organization had a class catcher since the days of Del Crandall in Milwaukee? Well, there's one on the horizon in Dale Murphy. And despite the fact the tall (6-4) receiver is only 20 and just a twoyear pro veteran-after being a No. 1 draft pick in 1974—Murphy is ticketed for the top backstopping spot this season. He hit .267 with 12 home runs, 55 runs batted in for Savannah (Double A), then was a .260 hitter with four HRs in 50 at-bats at Richmond (AAA). Murphy can gun down the speediest of base-stealers and could be baseball's next Johnny Bench. Pitching prospects who could move





DALE MURPHY, left, regarded as the Braves catcher of the future. Up for outfield shot is BRIAN ASSELSTINE.

up from Triple A include Rick Camp (10-11, 4.28 ERA, seven saves), who had the '76 club made before Andy Messersmith headed for Peachtree St. and all that loot, and could stick as a reliever this time around; lefty Jamie Easterly (7-6, 2.96) and hard-throwing Preston Hanna (despite 4-9, 4.75 credentials). Joey McLaughlin (12-8, 2.77 in AA) needs another vear down on the farm. Outfield talent is abundant. There's Brian Asselstine, a good glove who swung a .293 stick at Richmond; Barry Bonnell, who won two (believe it or not) batting titles in his first pro campaign, hit only .223 in AA ball, but .282 in AAA before injuring his back; and good-hit, no-field 'Junior' Moore, the International League's No. 3 hitter (.329 with 73 ribbies in 103 games), who's had back-to-back .300 marks and defensive stats to match at third or in the OF. Shortstop Pat Rockett (.245 in a half-season at Richmond) has a rocket-like arm and is a prospect.

CHICAGO CUBS - Lefty-swinging Chris Ward was the lone .300 hitter (.307) in AAA at Wichita. Ron Dunn led Amer. Assn. third sackers defensively and had 21 HRs, but hit only .247. Lefty-hitting first baseman Jerry Tabb was .289, 19, and 67 and OF Jim Tyrone was a .268 hitter with 20 HRs. Pitchingwise, best prospects are Mike Krukow (7-9, 3.31) and Donnie Moore, despite 7-11, 4.73 stats. Infielder Ivan DeJesus (.304, 31 SB at Albuquerque) is a proven AAA .300 hitter acquired from Los Angeles.

CINCINNATI REDS-It's the same ol' story. . . . How tough it is to crack a world championship lineup. Just ask first baseman Dave Revering. It used to be Tony Perez. Now, it's heir apparent Dan Driessen. But lefty-swinging Revering hit .290, had 27 HRs, 77 ribbies at Indianapolis and has a good glove. Once again, it was pitchers who made the mid-season climb from Indy to Cincy in '76. Reliever Manny Sarmiento was 11-5, 2.78 before going up and doing a solid job. Lefty reliever Joe Henderson was the Association's ERA champ (2.31, 7-3, 10 saves), then was a late-season winner of a couple upstairs. Larry Payne (9-9, 4.86, 128 whiffs) suffers from control trouble.

HOUSTON ASTROS—The club's No. 1 draftee in '76, southpaw Floyd Bannister, proved his selection off the Arizona State campus was well worth a hefty chunk of dough. His poise and repertoire shown at Memphis (Triple A International) exceed his less than one year of play-for-pay. There's no stopping this kid. Bo McLaughlin moved up from AAA and won

with the Astros. Mark Lemongello won 10 games, but allowed IL-high 208 hits. First sacker Craig Cacek hit .324 with an unconventional stance. Outfielders Art Gardner (.284, 34 thefts) and Al Javier (.288) show promise and are out of options. Shortstop Alex Taveras could climb a notch from AAA. Young Julio Gonzalez (.281, 27 thefts at Wichita) was purchased from the Cubs for proven .300 hitter Greg Gross and is in the second base derby. In Double A, Joe Sambito was 8-2, 1.80, and wound up a winner in the bigs.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—A centerfielder is something LA needed. The Dodgers bought a proven star in Rick Monday from the Cubs. LA also has a good one down on the farm in Joe Simpson (.313, 40 thefts at Albuquerque). If he can hit big league pitching, the lefty-swinging Simpson could win a job. Fellow flychaser Glenn Burke had .300, 63 SB credentials in AAA and could surprise. But it's more likely that John Hale (.321 in AAA) and Henry Cruz, neither



FLOYD BANNISTER is rated as a prize rookie hurler by the Astros.





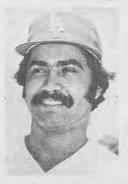
JOE SIMPSON could be the answer to centerfield woes of LA Dodgers.

of whom hit major league hurling well in '76, will get another shot as a backup flychaser in '77. There's no cracking the Garvey-Lopes-Cey-Russell infield. Swift first sacker Pedro Guerrero (.305, 23 SBs in AA) is a year away, but an outstanding prospect. Kevin Pasley (.321 at Albuquerque) is likely to gain LA's backup catcher berth. Among the hurlers, righties Dennis Lewallyn (15-10, 3.55 in AAA) and 20-yearold Rick Sutcliffe (10-11, 3.18 in AA) could surprise and crack a fine hill corps.

MONTREAL EXPOS — An overall farm system record of 257-230 was the best ever enjoyed by the Canadians. The big reason was an American Association title won by Denver. And a driving force in the Bears' success was outfielder Andre Dawson, a 22-year-old Florida A&M grad who burned up the Assn. (.350, 22 HRs in 74 games) after murdering Double A pitching (.357, eight HRs in 40 games). He'd led the Pioneer League in six offensive categories as a '75

pro rookie and is the best bet for big league status in '77. Outfielder Sam Mejias and southpaw reliever Angel Torres, both of whom were acquired in an off-season deal with St. Louis, could make it. Mejias, a fine flychaser, had gone from the Milwaukee to St. Loo organizations during the '76 campaign and hit .323 at Tulsa. Torrez was 2-5, 3.41 in 48 relief appearances with Arkansas (Double A). Joe Keener (14-4, 3.37 at Denver) has a four-year minor league ledger of 48-22.

HENRY CRUZ, left, and JOHN HALE, both questionable hitters in past trials, are seeking Dodger outfield jobs.





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BILL ATKINSON, left, and LARRY LANDRETH, Canadian natives, bid for pitching berths with Montreal.

GERALD HANNAHS, left, is a hard-thrower and ANDRE DAWSON hits with power and top Expo prospects.





And big lefty Gerald Hannahs (20-6, 2.39, 126 strikeouts at Quebec) became the organization's first 20-game winner at any level, the Eastern League's first 20-game winner since 1965 and the first hurler to win 20 in one league at either the AA or AAA level since '66. He completed 15 of 26 starts, had six shutouts. Canadian Larry Landreth was a 13-game winner in AAA, where reliever Bill Atkinson (another Canadian) was 6-3, 15 saves. Other prospects coming off fine AAA campaigns are infielder Rodney Scott (.307, 35 thefts) and flychasers Warren Cromartie (league-leading .337, with 27 SBs) and Gary Roenicke (.290, 12 HRs), One time Cincy prospect Tom Carroll (9-12, 5.36 at Indianapolis) was drafted at the winter meetings.

NEW YORK METS-Catcher John Stearns, who spent 1975 with the big club but asked to be sent down in '76, didn't waste his time with Tidewater (International League). He was an IL all-star, hitting .310. And with the retire-

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ment of Jerry Grote, Stearns figures to be the guy to take over the 'tools of ignorance'. The Mets also have an impressive battery prospect in righty Jackson Todd. He's already licked Cancer, posted a 13-9 mark and 2.91 ERA in AAA. So why shouldn't he succeed in the bigs! Reliever Rick Baldwin (8-4, 2.34) and starter Nino Es-

LEE MAZZILLI could aid N.Y. Mets if he proves he can hit in the majors.



pinosa (7-3, 2.91) were impressive in Triple A, before '76 promotions. New Yorker Lee Mazzilli had a good year (.292, 13 HRs) in Double A. He got a late-season look, can fly, was a No. 1 draft pick in '73 and figures in the club's plans for '77. Billy Baldwin provides lefty-swinging power (17 HRs, 72 ribbies in AAA, where he hit .271), and the ex-Detroit chattel could gain an outfield spot. Second sacker Ken Perry (.306, 13 HRs in 66 games in AA ball) is well-regarded for the future. Former bonus baby Ed Kurpiel (.262 at Salt Lake City, .280 at Tulsa) is back in Mets' livery. Also picked up was swift OF Sheldon Mallory (.262 at Omaha).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Oklahoma City had plenty of offense. And the Phils could call upon the AAA talents shown by first baseman Dane Iorg (.326), outfielders Lonnie Smith (.308, 26 SBs) and Rick Bosetti (.306, league leading 42 thefts), as well as the power of catcher Bill Nahorodny (.292, 23,

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78) and third sacker Jim Morrison (.289, 18, 71, 17 SBs). Mound-wise, Amer. Assn. all-star lefty Randy Lerch (13-11, 3.34, 152 whiffs) shared league honors in routegoing performances (11). Although Warren Brusstar was only 10-17 at Reading (Double A), a club that was 28 under .500, he had a 2.71 ERA and led the loop in starts (27), complete games (19), innings (199). Teammate Jim Wright was 13-4, 2.33 with 10 CGs in 19 starts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES-Hitting is the name of the game with the Bucs; and so it was in '76 at Charleston (International), a franchise since switched to Columbus, Ohio. The premier pick from the minor league talent tree has to be outfielder Omar Moreno, a leftyswinging swifty (.315, 55 thefts) who went up and did well with the Pirates (.270), could be a '77 starter. Speedy singles hitter Miguel Dilone (.336, IL-leading 61 SBs) jacked-up his BA a ton, but is far less than the best with the glove. Tony Armas hit 23 HRs, can throw, but lack of contact helped

his BA take a 65-point dive to .235. Ken Macha (.301) has longball potential, can play three positions-but won't win a Golden Glove at any of 'em. Infielder Fernando Gonzalez (.321) had his second straight .300 year in AAA, but is lacking defensively. Future prospects include 20-year-old flychaser Alberto Louis (.323 in AA. .300 in AAA), second baseman Mike Edwards (.206 in AAA, then .321 in AA), catcher Steve Nicosia (.262 at Charleston) and first sacker Mitch Page (.294, 22, 83 and 23 SBs in AAA)—the latter a converted OF who needs a lot of work with the glove. Rick Langford (9-5, 3.19) is the best bet to make the Bucs' pitching staff. Odell Jones saw his IL win total nose-dive from 14 to two, but he had arm trouble. Dominican Winter League ball may have made him a possibility. And reliever Doug Bair (7-10, 3.18 in AAA) has a chance.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—For an organization built on Big Macs, it figures that the Padres' four-team

farm system should make ground round out of its respective leagues. SD swept to four minor league titles (Pacific Coast, Texas, California, Northwest loops) and retained the Topps Trophy for the best overall minor league system with a combined record of 279-210. From that Hawaii club could come SD's double play combination—shortstop Bill Almon (.291, 21

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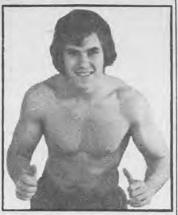
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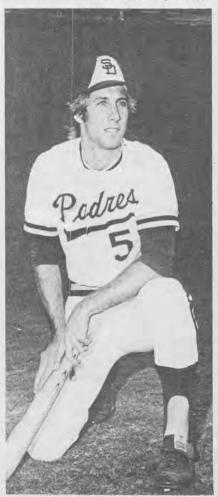
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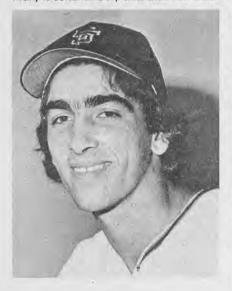
SBs) and second sacker Mike Champion (.267). Almon, baseball's No. 1 draft pick in '74 off the Brown campus, hiked his AAA bat mark 63 points, is the frontrunner to open at short. Barring a trade, Champion is ticketed to replace departed Tito Fuentes. The club is deep in outfielders, so Gene Richards (.331, 19 SBs, PCL-leading 173 hits) may have to remain down on the farm, rather than ride the big league bench. But he's in the leftfield picture. Catcher Jerry Stone (.257) needs more seasoning. So, too, does the Amarillo mound duo of lefty Steve Owchinko (6-2, 3.02)—SD's top draftee last summer out of Eastern Michigan-and Steve Mura (4-2, 2.61). Mura was 7-0, 1.37 after being drafted No. 2 and before going up to AA ball. Another Double A success who'll spend '77 in AAA is outfielder Don Reynolds (.332, 19,

BILL ALMON figures to start at shortstop for the Padres this coming season.



SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Phoenix (PCL) had a handful of young talent ready to help the Bay club. Outfielder Jack Clark hit .323 in his fourth minor league campaign. The former pitcher-turned third sacker-turned flychaser had 17 HRs, 29 two-baggers, 86 ribbies

JACK CLARK, Giants rookie third baseman, is solid at bat, and also the field.



and a PCL-leading 16 triples. Fellow all-star Gary Alexander (.319, 17, 76) has good power—he has 23 HRs in the Texas League in '75—and is solid defensively. Shortstop John LeMaster, SF's top draft pick in '73, hit only .247 but carries a solid glove. SF's fourth PCL all-star was lefty curve baller Bob Knepper, who was 14-10, 4.26, with 130 whiffs and 13 complete games. Southpaw Frank Riccelli was 9-11, 4.93 but had 95 strikeouts in 65 innings coming out of the bullpen.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—After leading the American Association in triples (15), while hitting .321, Garry Templeton moved up to secure the shortstop spot in St. Loo. As a 20-year-old, the swifty hit .291 and stole 11 bases in 53 games. He's the Cards' SS for years to come. In a multi-player exchange with Montreal, the Redbirds acquired a pair of .300 hitters from Denver, third sacker Pat Scanlon (.308, 18, 78) and switch-hitting outfielder Tony Scott (.311). Switch-swinging catcher

John Tamargo hit .277 for Tulsa (Amer. Assn.), where lefty stopper Doug Capilla was only 4-3, 4.71, but can chalk up strikeouts. Journevman Eddie Solomon was 5-2, 2.40 in AAA before splitting two NL decisions. Steve Waterbury was a disappointing 6-10, 5.84. And lefty John Sielicki was going nowhere at Tulsa, where he was 2-6, 4.69, before being loaned to Syracuse and posting an 8-2, 2.96 mark. Perhaps Amer. Assn. MVP Roger Freed, 30, can stick around in the bigs after hitting .309, with leagueleading 42 HRs, 102 ribbies at Denver and being drafted at the winter sessions. Former Oakland chattel Charlie Chant was a .281 hitter for Tulsa, while fellow flychaser Mike Potter was .270, 13 homers. In a move very much against recent trends, the Cards are increasing their farm system from five to six clubs in '77.

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BOSTON RED SOX—Butch Hobson was as good for a half-season as the IL has seen in many years. The Rhode Island sure-handed third sacker (it'll be tabbed New England in '77), son of former Alabama grid great Clell Hobson, dominated early-season play in the IL.

BUTCH HOBSON has credentials to become longtime Boston 3rd sacker.



He went up, down, back up to stay—but wound up with IL marks of .286, 25 HRs, 72 ribbies in 90 games. But he lost his prospect label with a half-year spent in Beantown. Giant first sacker Jack Baker topped the IL in HRs (36), also strikeouts (139) and seemed to run out of gas late in the season, when his batting average dropped to .250.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS - With all that loot cowboy Gene Autry plucked from his saddlebags to buy an AL West contender, it won't be easy to move up to the big club in this organization. But a number of minor leaguers had outstanding seasons in 1976when the five-team Cal farm system produced a 366-254 overall record, two divisional titles (including Salt Lake City in the Pacific Coast League), increased attendance across the board (SLC climbed 117,000 to 239,000), batting champions in Triple A (third sacker Paul Dade's .363 at SLC) and Double A (second baseman Fred Frazier's .369 at El Paso), plus mound leaders in wins in every league. Vet Wayne Simpson (13-6) was second in PCL strikeouts with 131. Relievers Mike Overy (9-5, 2.05, 10 saves, 99 whiffs in 79 innings) and John Verhoeven (7-2, 2.25, eight saves) were both promoted to the Cal bullpen. Outfielders Gil Flores (.323, 40 stolen bases) and Orlando Alvarez (.317) had big years. Former LSU quarterback Mike Miley who played well at short and hit .274 at SLC, met a tragic death in a car accident. January 6. First baseman Willie Aikens was the offensive show at El Paso, where he led the AA loop in HRs (30), ribbies (117), total bases (284), hits (163) and runs (98), while hitting .317. But he also fanned 114 times. Frazier, once a Yankee prospect who fell out of grace with the NYers, made it four years in a row Cal has produced a Texas League batting champ. Bob Nolan (15-3) and John Caneira (15-4) shared TL honors for most wins. Cal also acquired American Assn. bat king Mike Easler (.352, 26, 77 at Tulsa).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Minor



KEN KRAVEC should inprove on 1-5 mark with the White Sox tast year.



tag as Indians shortstop of future.

league talent may move up to bolster the Chisox' pitching staff. The Sox think they got a good one in 21-year-old Silvio Martinez (in the Richie Zisk deal). The Dominican was 8-4, 2.42 with Pittsburgh's Double A Shreveport club, then 2-4 in AAA. He may be a year away. Ditto, 20-year-old Larry Monroe (11-14, 2.91 at Knoxville). Chris Knapp, a 6-5 righty, made big strides and has a good chance to stick after going 7-3, 2.39 at Knoxville, 7-2, 2.57 and a no-hitter at Iowa (Triple A) and 3-2 with the Sox. He had a club-high 11 strikeouts in Chi. Lefty Ken Kravec (8-5 in AAA, but 1-5 in Chi.) could stick. The only other help appears to be in the outfield. From the lefty-swinging side there's Royl Stillman, a DH-type (good-hit, no-field) who came over from the Orioles after being a .300 AAA hitter in the past, and Nils Nyman (.282 at Iowa). Righty swingers include much traveled Wayne Nordhagen (combined .303 at Oklahoma City-Iowa) and Larry Foster (.311, 13 HRs in AA ball).

CLEVELAND INDIANS - Acquisitions of Wayne Garland and Al Fitzmorris solidify the Indians' hill corps. But sidearming righty Jim McCutchin (6-10 at Toledo) has a chance to earn a bullpen berth. He just turned 20 and began last season in A ball-but shortstop Alfredo Griffin climbed to AA, AAA and the bigs before '76 was over. Possessor of remarkable range, Griffin hit .259 at San Jose, .275 at Williamsport before a short stint with Toledo. He then collected his first big league hit. He has a can't miss tag and will be the Indians' SS for many years, once he claims the spot. Outfielder Vassie Gardner was the Injuns' most impressive performer in spring training a year ago, but hit only .234 in AAA, then .265 in AA. He's 21 and a legit prospect. He may be rated a darkhorse, but 28-year-old Jim Norris had an outstanding year in Triple A-.320, 40 stolen bases, 118 walks. First sacker Orlando Gonzalez swung a .311 stick for Toledo (only one HR), then hit .250 in the bigs. And second baseman Dave Oliver hit .280 in AAA.

DETROIT TIGERS—As the No. 1 draftee last January, outfielder Steve Kemp received a reported \$80,000 to leave the Southern Cal campus. He appears to be worth it. In his first pro year, he was .289, 8, 44 in Double A, before tearing up the Amer. Assn. at Evansville - . 386, 11, 38 in 52 games —then bowing to a knee injury. Outfielder Mary Lane contributed a steady .290 bat. The top mound possibility from AAA is Ed Glynn (9-7, 3.59), while lefty Bob Sykes was 8-11, 4.26 in his first Amer. Assn. campaign.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Outfielder Joe Zdeb is an aggressive kind of player who can handle all three

OF positions well. After hitting .298 in the American Association at Omaha, he has chance to make the KC club. Southpaw Bob Mc-Clure was a disappointment in the majors, but had a fine stint in AAA (9-8, 2.97). He has an excellent move to first, could make it as a starter or reliever. Righty Dave Hasbach no-hit Tulsa and was 7-4, 3.47 at Omaha, despite arm trouble the last half-season. Lew Olsen, a 6-5 righty, was impressive in the '76 big league camp and went on to post a 9-7 mark, 3.38 ERA in AAA. Still perhaps a year away are shortstop U.L. Washington, highly-regarded by the Royals-but sidelined most of '76 with a broken leg, and centerfielder Willie Wilson, KC's No. 1 draft pick in '74, a big leaguer defensively but only a .250 hitter (37 SBs) in AA.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS - Hurlers Gary Beare and Bryan 'Moose' Haas looked good after late-season call-ups and are in the mound picture. Beare, nearly killed during spring training last year when his van was hit by a train, was 10-10, 2.98 in Double A, 1-4, 2.90 in AAA, Haas was 13-9, 5.55, 130 whiffs at Spokane. Ex-bad boy Dan Thomas (he was suspended the last half of '75 in the Eastern League) came back to the Double A loop and owned it in '76. Despite missing three weeks with injuries, the outfielder and Brewers' No. 1 draft pick in '72 won the EL Triple Crown with figures of .325 BA, 29 HRs, 83 RBIs at Pittsfield. Lenn Sakata (.280, 70 RBIs at Spokane) is challenging for the 2B berth.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Mark Wiley has paid his PCL dues over the past four seasons. He led the loop in innings pitched (219) and shared honors for complete games (16), while posting a mark of 15-15, 3.70. Tacoma teammate Bob Gorinski has been in the Twins' chain since '70. The outfielder made it to AAA in '75 and last year led the PCL in HRs (28) and ribbies (110), while hitting .285, mostly as a DH. Southpaw Mike Pazik won 14 in the PCL. Unable to make a winter deal, the Twins came up with some minor league Official

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level transactions which may prove a help to the big club. They purchased OF Glenn Adams from the Giants, a former PCL all-star: drafted another lefty-hitting flychaser in Rich Chiles (.302 at Memphis) from Houston for \$25,-000; and grabbed reliever Mike Proly (6-4, 2.69, 11 saves at Tulsa) from the Cards for \$12,000.

NEW YORK YANKEES-Young Mickey Klutts wasn't even ticketed for Triple A in '76. But he would up being the Yanks' most pleasant Bicentennial surprise down on the farm. He set a Syracuse club mark for shortstops, clubbing 24 homers-he'd had 13 during four prior years in the minors-despite missing 10 games due to a July call-up from NY. And he had career highs with a .319 BA, 80 ribbies. He hit .458 in the International League playoffs, won by Syracuse. Knee surgery over the years has limited his range, but he comes in well on a ball, has an accurate arm. Eventually, he may wind up at third base. Righty Ken Clay finished strong-posted 11 wins and is a big leaguer once he gaines consistency. Young righty Gil Patterson was outstanding (7-2, 2.92) after posting a 9-2 mark in AA. He's a can't miss. First sacker Dave Bergman hit .295 in AAA and has a .300-plus BA in three minor league seasons. Outfielder Terry Whitfield, who hit .272 during a '75 Yankee stint, was .290, 16, 89 in AAA last year. Defense is his problem. At West Haven (AA Eastern), flychaser Larry Murray picked up offensively (.286, 11 HRs) and he can motor.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS - Strongarmed third baseman Wayne Gross could be the answer to Sal Bando's departure to Schlitz Country. A first-year AAA player, Gross was an all-star after hitting .324, with 19 HRs, 75 ribbies. He can play a couple of positions. Infielder Gaylen Pitts is 30-not exactly the age for prospects-but is versatile (he played four positions in '76), hit .261 and could stick. Most of the rest of the AAA talent are guys who've been on the big league shuttle before.

SEATTLE MARINERS-Both AL expansion clubs drafted their share of talent from the minor league level. Seattle initially went for outfielder Ruppert Jones, who hit only .262 at Omaha, but had 19 HRs. Gary Wheelock paced the Pacific Coast loop in wins (15-8, 3.81) and whiffs (138). Frank MacCormack was 4-4, 3.39 at Evansville. Infielder Juan Bernhardt faded down the stretch again, but hit .303 for Syracuse. He lacks speed. Righty Rick Jones won in Boston, didn't in AAA. He has the talent, but needs to match that with attitude. Outfielder Carlos Lopez (.350, 88 RBIs) was a PCL all-star. The Mariners took a trio from the IL cellar-dwelling Toledo club-seasoned Joe Lis .306, 30 HRs, league-leading 103 ribbies), a DH-first base type; SS Tom McMillan (.243); and OF Tommie Smith (.335 in a half-season). Righty Bob Galasso won 13 at Rochester. On the trade mart, the Mariners picked up a DP combo from Pittsburgh (for Grant Jackson) in SS Craig Reynolds, a .290 hitter at Charleston and sought-after by big leagers for two years, plus 2B Jimmy Sexton, who is a year away. Additionally, Seattle strengthened itself with pitching purchases - John Montague (14-6, 2.65 at Oklahoma City), the Amer. Assn. leader in wins and shutouts (six) and co-leader in complete games (11); relievers Dave Johnson (Orioles), Jim Minshall (Pirates) and Tommie Moore (10-7 for Rangers' Sacramento farm club); plus journeyman catcher Larry Cox (.265, 12 HRs at Tacoma). And one of seven players (most since '73) drafted for \$25G apiece was swift 1B-OF Charlie Beamon (.286 at Double A Jacksonville). He's probably a year or so away.

TEXAS RANGERS-The name Wills returns to major league playing status in '77 with the promotion of Bump Wills, son of former Dodger base-stealing king Maury, to the Rangers' second base berth. The younger Wills, only a two-year pro veteran, had a great season in Sacramento's band-box park (.324, 26 HRs, 95 ribbies). The switchhitter is a former No. 1 draft pick by Texas. Another top draftee,



MICKEY KLUTTS, Yankee prospect, had outstanding year for Syracuse.

righty Tom Boggs, was only 6-11, 6.89 in the PCL, but pitched well upstairs. One other hurler with an outside shot at cracking the club's strong starting rotation is Lenny Barker (9-10, 5.74 in AAA). Outfielder Tommy Cruz, an ex-Cardinal who's been around since '69, was a .324 hitter in the PCL. At San Antonio (AA Texas), short reliever Bobby Cuellar (9-5, 2.64, 15 saves) is a longshot to make the big jump. So, too, is Gary Gray (.305, 19, 109 in AA), who'd have to make it with his bat. And then there's Minor League Player of the Year Pat Putnam, who became the first Class A player to win the award in many years. He was a Triple Crown winner in the Western Carolina League (.361, 24, 142), where he also had 194 hits and fanned only 43 times.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS-The AL's North of the Border expansionists took a bit of a gamble by drafting sore-armed shortstop Bob Bailor No. 1. A fine prospect in the Oriole chain, Bailor hit .311 in just 103 at-bats in '76. If he's healthy, Bailor will prove the Blue Jays correct. The Jays took two pitchers early —Ted Garvin (4-3, 4.09 at Tacoma in the PCL) and Jim Clancy (6-8, 6.30 in AA). Also grabbed in the first swing were Oakland outfield chattel Gary Woods (.308 at Tucson) and Milwaukee mound product Claude Edge. Also picked were OF Alvis Woods (.284 at Tacoma), Oriole farm system pitcher Mike Darr, hurler Jeff Byrd (7-11, 5.40 at San Antonio) and OF Steve Bowling (.266, 16, 92 at Spokane). Other picks included reliever Dennis DeBarr (11-2, 2.34 at Montgomery), first sacker Doug Ault (.316, 24, 76) at Sacramento, Boston catching prospect Ernie Whitt (.266 in AAA), second baseman Steve Weathers (.262 at Tucson), 2B Steve Staggs (.283 at Omaha), infielder Garth Iorg (injured at West Haven), righty Dave Lemanczyk (5-2, 2.64 at Evansville and 4-6, 5.70 with Detroit) hurler Larry Anderson (9-11, 6.14 at Spokane), 3B Dave McKay (.246 at Tacoma), twirler Tom Bruno (9-4, 3.79 at Omaha), lefty Mike Willis (a 12-game winner at Rochester), DH-type Sam Ewing (.351, 15, 81 at Iowa) and Leon Hooten (2-8, 5.60 at Tucson), In the wheel 'n deal league, the Jays dealt with the Indians and Padres. From Cleveland, they found catching in Rick Cerone, a '75 first round draft pick and two-time college All-American who hit .254 in AAA last season, and converted infielder Dave Roberts (.249 in the PCL). First sacker-outfielder Doug Howard has power (.308 at Toledo). Third sacker Dave Hilton was .288, 16 HRs in the PCL. And journeyman Chuck Hartenstein was 11-5, 3.19 at Hawaii.

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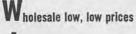
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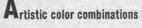
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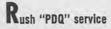
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Don Gullett, displaying an excellent hurling performance, was credited with a 5-1 victory over the Yankees in the opening game of the 73rd World Series. Unfortunately, while pitching to Mickey Rivers in the eighth inning, he stepped into a hole on the mound and

stepped into a hole on the mound and suffered an ankle injury that knocked him out of any further Series play.

Gullett had allowed the American League champs only five scattered hits and one run. Pedro Borbon, perfect in relief, got the last five outs.

Joe Morgan, hitless in seven at-bats in the playoff with the Phillies, started the Reds with a homer off Doyle Alexander in the first inning.

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The Yanks scored their lone run in The Yanks scored their lone run in the second when Lou Piniella, first designated hitter to appear in a World Series, doubled, went to third on Chris Chambliss' grounder and crossed the plate on Graig Nettles' sacrifice fly.

Dave Concepcion's triple and Pete Rose's sacrifice put the Reds ahead in the third

the third.

The Reds made it 3-1 in the sixth. Rose walked and was forced out on Ken Griffey's grounder. Griffey stole second and scored on Tony Perez' third hit in the game.

In the seventh, George Foster singled



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and crossed home plate on Johnny Bench's triple. Sparky Lyle then re-placed Alexander. Facing Cesar Geroni-mo, Lyle let loose a wild pitch and Bench scored easily.

The Yanks, handcuffed, were retired in order in four innings and only Piniella and Eliot Maddox reached third

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*Pitched to two batters in seventh.
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cFouled out for Maddox in ninth.
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Bench. Two-base hits-Piniella, Perez, Geronimo.
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run-Morgan. Stolen base-Griffey. Caught stealing-Perez, Rivers. Sacrifice flies-Nettles, Rose.
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Concepcion and Perez; Morgan and Perez, Wild
pitch-Lyle, Hit by pitcher-By Gullett (Chambliss). Left on bases-New York 6, Cincinnati 4.
Umpires-Weyer (N.L.) plate, DiMura (A.L.) first
base, B. Williams (N.L.) second base, Deegan
(A.L.) third base, Froemming (N.L.) left field,
Phillips (A.L.) right field. Time-2:10. Attendance

-54,826.

SECOND GAME

ony Perez' sharp game-winning single in the ninth inning drove Tony home the speedy Ken Griffey for a 4-3 sudden death win and second Series defeat for the Yanks. This first World Championship night game was played in 40-degree weather before 54,816 frozen fans

The Reds pounced on Catfish Hunter for three runs in the second inning. Dan Driessen doubled and scored on George Foster's single. With Johnny Bench at bat, Foster was thrown out stealing. Then Bench doubled, Cesar Geronimo walked and Bench scored on Dave Concepcion's single. Geronimo scored the third run on Ken Griffey's

sac fly.

The Yanks got one run back off starter Fred Norman in the fourth. Thurman Munson hit an infield single, went to second on Lou Pienella's single and scored on Graig Nettles' single. In the seventh, the Yanks tied it 3-3.

Willie Randolph singled and scored on Fred Stanley's double. After Roy White's single sent Stanley to third,

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Hunter had allowed only two hits after the third inning and now in the fateful ninth he got Concepcion and Pete Rose to fly out. It appeared he had the third out when Griffey hit a high bouncer to short. Stanley charged the ball and made an off-balance throw to first that got past Chris Chambliss and bounced into the Reds' dugout. Griffey was given second base and Stanley a two-base error.

Lefty hitting Joe Morgan was intentionally walked to get at right-hitting Tony Perez. Tony jumped on Hunter's first pitch, a fast ball, and drilled it between third and short. Griffey sped across the plate before White had a

chance to throw home.

CINCINNATI OCT. 17 New York Munson, c 4 Munson, c 4
Piniella, rf 4
Chambliss, 1b 4
Nettles, 3b 4
Maddox, dh 3
aMay, dh 1
Randolph, 2b 4 0000 Stanley, ss 3
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Totals 35
Cincinnati AB
Rose, 3b 4
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Morgan, 2b. 4

Perez, 1b. 5

Driessen, dh. 4

Foster, If. 4

Bench, c. 4

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gan).

Strikeouts—By Norman 2 (Maddox 2), by Billingham 1 (Randolph), by Hunter 5 (Foster 2, Concepcion, Bench, Rose).

aGrounded out for Maddox in eighth.

Runs batted in—Nettles, Stanley, Munson, Faster, Concepcion, Griffey, Perez. Two-base hits—Driessen, Bench, Stanley. Three-base hit—Morgan. Stolen bases—Morgan, Concepcion. Caught stealing—Foster. Sacrifice fly—Griffey. Double play—Concepcion, Morgan and Perez. Left on bases—New York 7, Cincinnati 10. Umpires—DiMuro (A.L.) plate, B. Williams (N.L.) first base, Deegan (A.L.) second base, Fraemming (N.L.) third base, Phillips (A.L.) left field, Weyer (N.L.) right field. Time—2:33. Attendance—54,816.

THIRD GAME

A fter the Yankee Clipper, Joe Di-Maggio, threw out the first ball, the Reds gave the Yankees a 6-2 clobbering, sending them down to their third straight Series defeat. They sure could have used "Joltin' Joe."

Cincinnati manager Sparky Anderson, a severe critic of the defensive hitter rule, watched Dan Driessen, his DH, pound out a single, double and a homer, drive in one run, score two and steal a base, as part of the Reds' 13-hit drive against three Yankee hurlers.

The Reds assaulted Yankee starter Dock Ellis for three runs in the second inning. Driessen started it with a single, stole second and scored on George Fos-ter's double, Johnny Bench's high-chop single sent Foster to third. Cesar Geronimo's speed avoided a double play

but Bench was out at second as Foster scored. Then Geronimo stole second and scored on Dave Concepcion's soft single.

Driessen made it 4-0 in the fourth with a screaming line drive into the right center bleachers. Ellis was through and Grant Jackson took over.

The Yanks got that run back in their half. Chris Chambliss singled, went to second when Graig Nettles walked and scored on Oscar Gamble's single.

Jim Mason made it 4-2 with a homer off Reds' starter Pat Zachry in the seventh. After a walk to Mickey Rivers and hits by Roy White and Thurman Munson, Zachry was replaced by Will McEnaney who put out the fire.

Singles by Pete Rose and Ken Griffey and double by Joe Morgan in the eighth, tallied two runs and chased

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Perez, 1b		2	3	Ó	ô	o
Driessen, dh		1	2	4	Ö	Ö
Foster, If	4	ó	2	8	o	ŏ
Bench, c		1	î	3	0	ő
Geronimo, cf		ó	1	1	2	Ö
Concepcion, ss	2007	0	0	ó	2	1
Zachry, p				1	0	ó
McEnaney, p	. 0	0	0		7	2
Totals	.36	6	13	27		2
New York	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Rivers, cf	. 4	0	2	1	0	0
White, If	. 3	0	0	1	0	0
Munson, c	. 5	0	3	6	2	0
Chambliss, 1b	. 5	1	1	11	1	0
May, dh	. 4	0	0	0	0	0
Nettles, 3b		0	0	1	4	0
Gamble, rf	. 3	0	1	2	0	0
bPiniella, rf	. 1	0	0	0	0	0
Randolph, 2b	. 4	0	0	4	4	0
Stanley, ss	. 1	0	0	1	2	0
aHendricks		0	0	0	0	0
Mason, ss	. 1	1	1	0	1	0
cVelez		0	0	0	0	0
Ellis, p	. 0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson, p		0	0	0	3	0
Tidrow, p		0	0	0	0	0
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FOURTH GAME

Cincinnati's Big Red Machine chewed up the Yankees 7-2 and were crowned World Champions for the sec-

ond straight year.

The Reds' four-game Series sweep was the first since 1966 when the Orioles creamed the Dodgers. Twelve teams have been blitzed four straight in 72 previous World Series—the Yanks became the unlucky 13th.

Big gun in the final victory was Johnny Bench, baseball's outstanding star and Series MVP, who homered for two runs in the fourth inning and

JOHNNY BENCH and THURMAN MUNSON

T he skills of a major league catcher are often minimized, but the importance of a standout performer at the catching position was never more evident than in the 1976 World Series.

Most people will agree that the two most outstanding players in the 73rd fall classic were the catchers—Johnny Bench of Cincinnati, who was voted the Most Valuable Player and the New York Yankees' Thurman Munson, who gave a memorable performance in a

losing effort.

The 28-year-old Bench, twice the National League's MVP (1970, '72) hit a blistering .533 (8-for-15) in the Reds' four-game sweep of the Yankees. His average is the fourth best in W. S. annals, trailing only the Yankees' Babe Ruth (.625 in 1928), the Boston Braves' Hank Gowdy (.545 in 1914) and the Yankees' Lou Gehrig (.545 in 1928). All four established their marks in a fourgame Series.

The Reds' backstop also became only

the eighth player ever to drive in as many as five runs in a World Series game when he crashed two and threerun home runs in Game 4. The five RBI were one short of the record set by the Yankees' Bobby Richardson in 1960. Bench had six runs batted in for the

Series. Bench was as outstanding behind the plate as he was swinging the bat. His defensive reputation and exceptional throwing arm limited the usually runhappy Yankees to only one stolen base (Mickey Rivers, 4th game). Bench has caught every inning of all 42 post-season games the Reds have played (both LCS and W. S.) since 1970, and opponents have stolen only two bases. Matty Alou of Oakland in Game 2 of the 1972 Series was the only other player to accomplish the feat. Bench has thrown out a total of 12 men attempting to steal.

Munson, like Bench the starting catcher for his league in the 1976 All-Star Game, finished the Series with an equally impressive .529 (9-for-17) batting mark. That ties him for fifth place (with Gehrig, 1932) among the top hitters of all-time for a single Series and gives him the highest average ever for a player on a losing team.

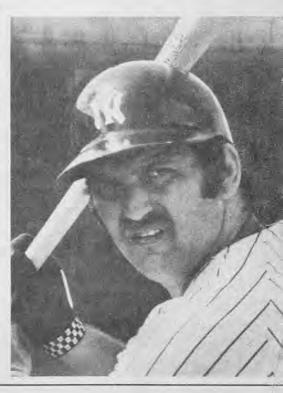
His nine hits (all singles) for a fourgame World Series was bettered only by Babe Ruth's 10 in 1928. The others with nine are Yankees Mark Koenig

(1927) and Gehrig (1932).

Another milestone reached by the 29year-old Munson was his six consecu-tive hits collected in Games 3 and 4 which tied the Series record set by Goose Goslin of Washington in 1924. The Yankee star's hit string came his last six times at bat, including a recordtying 4-for-4 performance in the final game. He was on deck when the Series ended, one batter away from a chance to become the first player in history to collect five safeties in a World Series game.

JOHNNY BENCH batted .533, he won Series MVP honor for Cincinnati sweep over Yankees, who got .529 batting from THURMAN MUNSON.





homered for three more in the ninth, while pitchers Gary Nolan and Will McEnaney kept Yankee batters under control.

A bloop single by Thurman Munson and double by Chris Chambliss gave the Yanks a run in the first inning.

Joe Morgan walked and stole second in the fourth and Yankee starter Ed Figueroa got the next two outs, George Foster tied the score with a line single and Bench made it 3-1 with a shot into the leftfield stands.

The Yanks got a run in the fifth when Mickey Rivers singled, stole second and made it 3-2 on Munson's single.

In the seventh, after Munson got his fourth hit of the game, (sixth straight)

McEnaney replaced Nolan,

Four runs in the ninth put the game out of the Yankees' reach. Tony Perez walked and got to second on a wild pitch while Dan Driessen was at bat. When Driessen drew a walk, Jack Tidrow replaced Figueroa. Then Perez went to third on Foster's fly and it was 6-2 after Bench belted a slider into the stands for the second time. Cesar Geronimo continued the shelling with a double and scored on Dave Concepcion's single, Sparky Lyle ended the inning.

While Driessen was drawing a walk, Yankee manager Billy Martin threw a baseball on the field and was auto-matically banished to the clubhouse by umpire Bruce Froemming. What a way

to go.

PO 3 2 Rose, 3b Griffey, rf ... Morgan, 2b 3 Perez, 1b 3 Driessen, dh 3 Foster, If 3 Bench, c 4 Garpaine of Foster, If 3 Bench, c 4 Geronimo, cf 4 Concepcion, ss 3 Nolan, p 0 McEnaney, p 0 McEnaney, p 0 Totals 33 New York AB Rivers, cf 5 White, If 5 Munson, c 4 Chambliss, Ib 4 May, dh 3 bPiniella, dh 1 Nettles, 3b 3 Gamble, rf 4 Randolph, 2b 4 Stanley, ss 1 adendricks 1 Mason, ss 0 Cyelez 1 Figueroa, p 0 Tidrow, p 0 Lyle, p 0 Totals 36 Cincinnati 0 0 00 009H 07R1 27 PO 0000 0 Lyle, p . Totals 13 0 0 0 4-7 0 0 0-2 27 00 ER BB 2 1 0 1 BB SO 630 Figueroa (Loser) 8* 5 5 5 2 2 0 0 0 0

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Player-Pos.	G	AB	R	Н	28	38	HR	RBI	BB	50	BA	PO	A	E	FA
Bench, c	4	15	4	8	1	1	2	6	0	1	.533	18	2	0	1.000
Foster, If		14	3	6	1	0	0	4	2	3	.429	14	0	0	1.000
Concepcion, ss		14	1	5	1	1	0	3	1	3	.357	6	11	1	.944
Driessen, dh		14	4	5	2	0	1	1	2	0	.357	0	0	0	.000
Morgan, 2b		15	3	5	1	1	1	2	2	2	.333	13	10	2	.920
Perez, 1b		16	1	5	1	0	0	2	1	2	.313	32	4	0	1.000
Geronimo, cf		13	3	4	2	0	0	1	2	2	.308	12	0	1	.923
Rose, 3b		16	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	2	.188	6	3	0	1.000
Griffey, rf		17	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	.059	5	0	0	1.000
McEnaney, p		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1,000
Borbon, p		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Billingham, p		000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Gullett, p		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Nolan, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1,000
Norman, p		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Zachry, p		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	1	.667
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Mason, ss	3		1	1	0	0	.1	1	0	0	1,000	1	2	0	1,000
Munson, c		17	2	9	0	0	0	2	0	1	.529	21	7	0	1.000
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Munson, c	4	17	2	9	0	0	0	2	0	1	.529	21	7	0	1.000
Piniella, dh-rf-ph	4	9	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333	.1	0	0	1.000
Chambliss, 1b	4	16	1	5	1	0	0	1	0	2	.313	26	3	1	.967
Nettles, 3b		12	0	3	0	0	0	2	3	1	.250	8	8	0	1.000
Maddox, rf-dh	2	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	.200	0	0	0	.000
Rivers, cf	4	18	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	.167	14	0	0	1.000
Stanley, ss	4	6	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	.167	4	7	1	.917
White, If		15	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	.133	13	0	0	1.000
Gamble, ph-rf		8	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	.125	3	0	0	1.000
Randolph, 2b		14	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	.071	13	8	0	1.000
Hendricks, ph	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Velez, ph	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.000	0	0	0	.000
May, ph-dh	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	.000
Tidrow, p		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Lyle, p		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Alexander, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Ellis, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Figueroa, p		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Hunter, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Jackson, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	. 0	3	0	1.000
Totals	4	135	8	30	3	1	1	8	12	16	.222	104	41	2	.986

MAY flied out for Piniella in eighth inning of first game; grounded out for Maddox in eighth inning of second game. GAMBLE popped out for Maddox in ninth inning of first game.

YELEZ struck out for Stanley in seventh inning of first game; struck out for Mason in ninth inning of first game; struck out for Mason in ninth inning of fourth game.

HENDRICKS flied out for Stanley in fourth inning of third game; fouled out for Stanley in sixth inning of fourth game. PINIELLA grounded out for Gamble in eighth inning of third game; flied out for May in eighth inning of fourth game.

	CH	ACIL	ANI	TI PI	ICH	ING	RE	COR	DS						
Pitcher	G	GS	CS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HB	WP	W	L	Pct.	ERA
McEnaney	2	0	0	42/3	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0.00
Billingham	1	0	0	22/3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1.000	0.00
Borbon	1	0	0	13/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0.00
Gullett	1	1	0	71/3	5	1	1	3	4	- 1	0	1	0	1.000	1.23
Nolan	1	1	0	62/3	8	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1.000	2.70
Zachry	1	1	0	62/3	6	2	2	5	6	0	0	1	0	1.000	2.70
Norman	1	1	0	61/3	9	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	.000	4.26
Totals	4	4	0	36	30	8	8	12	16	1	0	4	0	1.000	2.00

	Y	ANK	EES'	PIT	CHII	AG.	REC	ORE)5						
Pitcher	G	GS	CS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	50	HB	WP	W	L	Pct.	ERA
Lyle	2	0	0	22/3	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	.000	0.00
Hunter	1	1	1	82/3	10	4	3	4	- 5	0	0	0	1	.000	3.12
Jackson	1	0	0	32/3	4	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	.000	4.91
Figuerog	1	1	0	8	6	5	5	5	2	0	1	0	1	.000	5,63
Alexander	1	1	0	6	9	5	5	2	1	0	0	0	1	.000	7.50
Tidrow	2	0	0	21/3	5	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	.000	7.71
Ellis	1	1	0	31/3	7	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	.000	10.80
Totals	4	4	1	342/3	42	22	21	12	16	0	2	0	4	.000	5.45

COMPOSITE SCORE BY INNINGS Cincinnati

	CIN	CINNATI WON NL PENNANT		ANKEES WON AL PENNANT
t.	9	Cincinnati	Oct. 9	N.Y. Yankees
t.	10	Cincinnati	Oct. 10	N.Y. Yankees
	12	Philadelphia	Oct. 12	Kansas City
			Oct. 13	Kansas City
			Oct. 14	Kansas City

SERIES DATA

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SACRIFICE HITS—None. SACRIFICE FLIES—Nettles, Rose, Griffey. STOLEN BASES—Geronimo 2, Morgan 2, Concepcion, Driessen, Griffey, Rivers. CAUGHT STEALING—Foster 2, Bench, Concepcion, Perez, Nettles, Rivers. DOUBLE PLAYS—Alexander, Randolph and Chambliss; Randolph, Stanley and Chambliss; Stanley, Nettles, Chambliss and Randolph; Morgan, Concepcion and Perez; Morgan and Perez; Concepcion, Morgan and Perez; Perez and Concepcion, MIT BY PITCHER—By Gullett (Chambliss). LEFT ON BASES—Cincinnati 22—4, 10, 4, 4; New York 33—6, 7, 11, 9. Bases on balls—Off Figueraa 5 (Concepcion, Driessen, Foster, Morgan, Perez), off Hunter 4 (Geronimo 2, Morgan, Rose), off Alexander 2 (Foster, Rose), off Tidrow 1 (Driessen), off Zachry 5 (Nettles 2, White 2, Rivers), off Gullett 3 (Mad-

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dox, Randolph, Stanley), off Norman 2 (Stanley, White), off Nolan 1 (Stanley), off McEnaney 1 (Nettles).

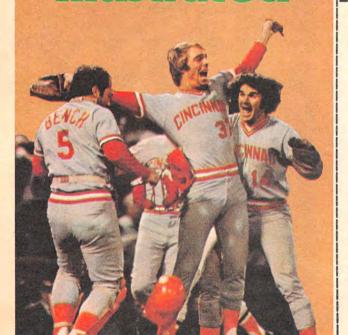
Strikeouts—By Hunter 5 (Foster 2, Concepcion, Bench, Rose), by Jackson 3 (Concepcion, Morgan, Geronimo), by Lyle 3 (Concepcion, Griffey, Perez), by Figueroa 2 (Foster, Geronimo), by Alexander 1 (Morgan), by Ellis 1 (Perez), by Tidrow 1 (Rose), by Zachry 6 (Chambliss 2, May, Nettles, Randolph, Rivers), by Gullett 4 (Munson, Rivers. Stanley, Velez), by Norman 2 (Maddox 2), by McEnaney 2 (Velez 2), by Billingham 1 (Randolph), by Nolan 1 (Randolph).

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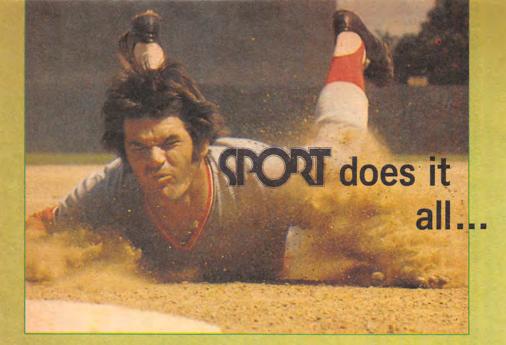












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